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DEQ gives conditional marina approval

BY ED LEPOMA
The state Department of Environmental Quality will allow Hancock County supervisors to start construction of a marina at Bayou Caddy without sewerage connections or public restrooms.

The Echo contacted the county Health Department, the Planning and Zoning Commission, DEQ, and the Department of Marine Resources after it was revealed that engineers had recommended slashing spending in the first phase of construction because only

"It wouldn't seem prudent to me to build this facility without ancillary public services."

Dr. Frederick Deegan

"At no point will we allow them to dump any raw sewage into the bayou."

Robert Seyfarth of DEQ

\$870,000 of \$1.2 million in Tidelands and other monies was still available. The balance went to pay land acquisition and attorney and engineering fees.

Although bids were not advertised until last August, Robert Seyfarth, DEQ's chief of Water Quality Control, said his department had conversations with Compton engineers as far

back as last March when they determined that the amount of funds would make it necessary to construct sewerage, electrical connections, paving and the public restrooms during the first phase of construction.

"We agreed to have them put in portable (toilet) facilities temporarily," said Seyfarth, "with the stipulation that the sewerage and handicapped accessible public restrooms go in as soon as possible."

Seyfarth said DEQ didn't put any deadline as to when

the public facilities and sewerage connections would be installed. Seyfarth added that the permit will allow them to dump raw sewage into the bayou.

Dr. Frederick Deegan, the county Health Department's chief of Marine Resources, said

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Trees price of progress in Bay, Pass

Pass trees to make history

BY ED LEPOMA
Giant live oaks felled in Pass Christian to make way for the realignment of U.S. Hwy. 90 will get a new life aboard the USS Constitution.

Local shipbuilder Mike Broussard was on hand last week as eight majestic oaks, some estimated to be around 200 years old and measuring 20 to 22 feet around, were

"Who knows? Maybe one day my grandchildren can go to Boston and see the USS Constitution and say, 'That wood came from Pass Christian...'"

Nonnie DeBardleben

being salvaged.

Broussard volunteered for the project at the request of his friend, Nonnie DeBardleben, a leader of Concerned Citizens to Protect the Lake and the Point. The group has been monitoring the situation ever since the state Department of Transportation announced it planned to straighten out the curve known as the Devil's Elbow in Henderson Point and replace the narrow and dangerous bridge that goes over the railroad tracks.

DeBardleben and a number of citizens were upset when they learned the big trees were coming down, but they were unsuccessful in attempting to save some wood from the live oaks.

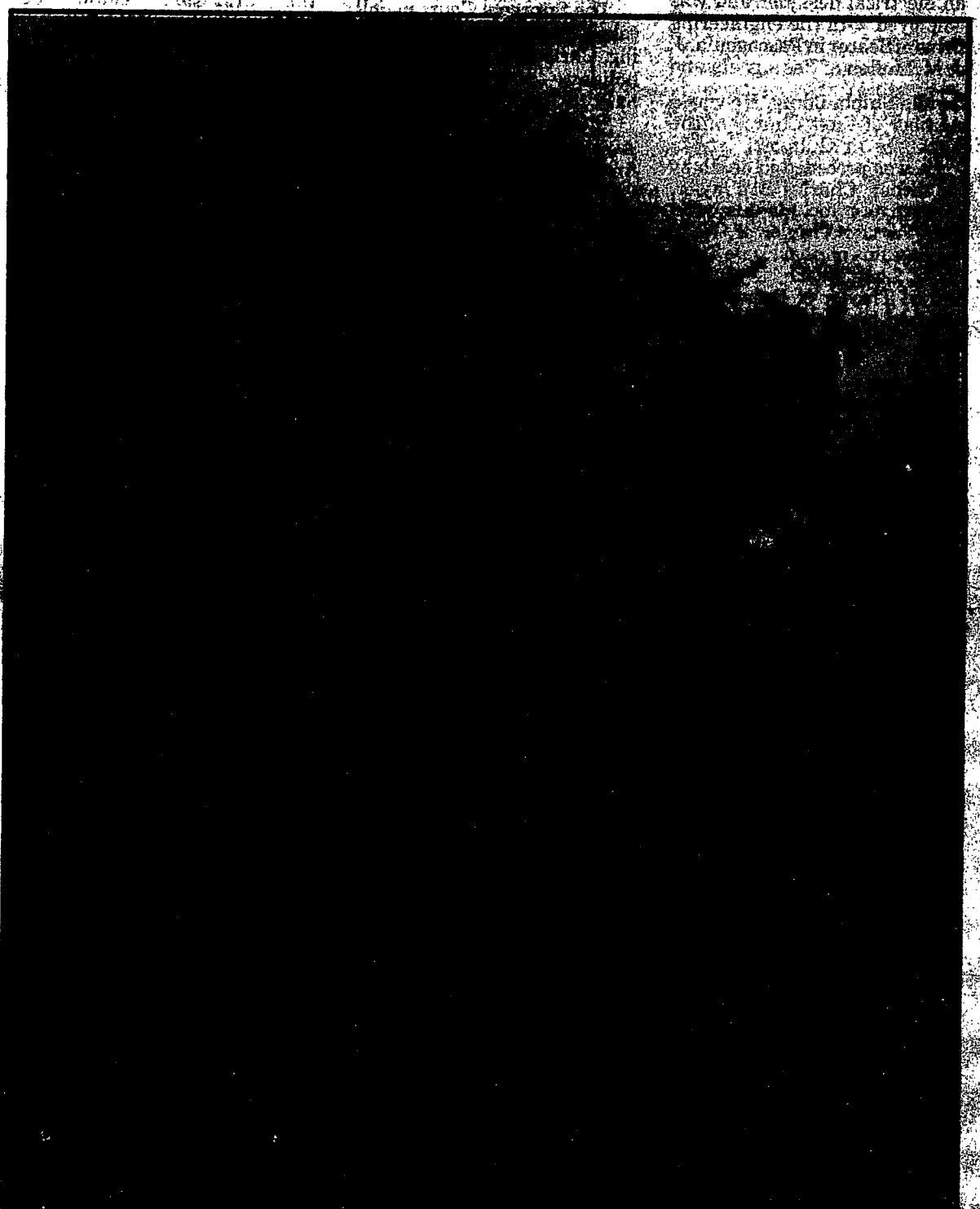
After the Days Inn was razed, the first of the trees began coming down, and DeBardleben said people started coming by and cutting them up for firewood.

She turned to the Internet, and found the USS Constitution had several web sites—one which directed her to the Naval Historic Center, located at the Charleston Navy Yard outside of Boston.

"I learned the Navy was looking for high-quality oak to continue refurbishing the USS Constitution," said DeBardleben. She began a series of contacts, finally getting Navy approval that it would pay for trucking the trees to the Charleston Shipyard for curing, and eventually to be used on Old Ironsides.

Broussard was called in to see that some of the remaining trees were cut to Navy specifications.

"It's like cutting meat," said



Tree cutting upsets Bay officials

BY MARY G. SEILEY
Destruction of a Live Oak on Blue Meadow Road raised the ire of city officials Tuesday, while a citizen complained that the city itself is damaging others.

William Robert C. Cline, an attorney who represents the Winn-Dixie, before it came to the attention of city officials. City building inspection officials stopped work at the site Tuesday, but later allowed additional fill work to proceed.

"I wasn't aware (the tree) wasn't supposed to be taken down. It wasn't historical or anything..."

Joseph Zupardo

"Everything is gone. It's been hauled off. All that's left is a hole in the ground..."

Bay City Councilperson Carleen Moran

Saving some oak

Navy Seabees from Gulfport were on hand helping to salvage some of the oak from stately trees cut down to make way for the realignment of Hwy. 90 in Henderson Point. The oak was cut to specifications and will be used to help restore the USS Constitution, docked at the Navy's Charleston yard near Boston. (Echo staff photo by Richard Meek)

Bay author donates book to library

BY BETSY GAGNET
Bay St. Louis writer Tom Horner has donated a copy of

his most recent book, "New Orleans: An Artist's Sketchbook," to the Hancock County



Book presented

Author Tom Horner presents a copy of his most recent book, "New Orleans: An Artist's Sketchbook," to the Hancock County Library. (Echo staff photo by Richard Meek)

Library.

The book, which features original pen and ink drawings by Stephen Lindsley, is part of a nationwide series on historic American cities.

Numbering 83 pages, the book features 40 sketches accompanied by historical information.

Horner said much of his research was done at the Bay St. Louis branch of Hancock County Library, where he was assisted in obtaining books by Adams County Assistant Public Service Commissioner with the library.

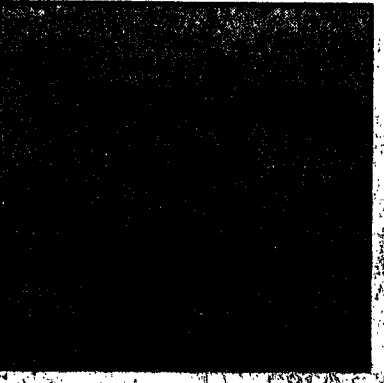
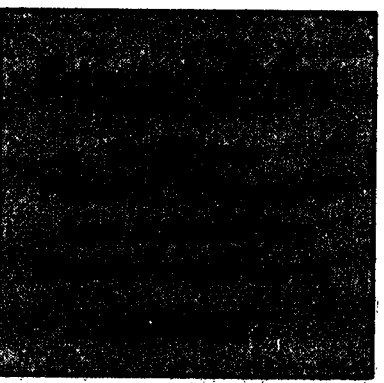
The book took five years of research and writing, said Horner, and he commended the library, which he called "amazingly good for a small library."

Bradley said that the book's research was done at the library's Mississippi Room.

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HOWARD H. DUKE DORIS T. MITCHELL HERBERT G. SHIYOU BYRD LEE TAUNTON DWAYNE TRAYLOR CHARLIE WALKER

HOWARD H. DUKE

Ret. Master Sgt. Howard H. Duke, 67, died Monday, Nov. 17, 1997, in Gulfport.

Mr. Duke was born in Rome, Ga., and had been a resident of Gulfport since 1967. He served in the Air Force during World War II and Korea and retired from the Air Force and Civil Service. He was a member of the VFW.

He was preceded in death by a grandson, Jamison Duke.

Survivors include two sons, Steve A. Duke of Pass Christian and Greg Duke of New Orleans; a brother, Buck Duke; two sisters, Edith Procter, of Rome, and Frances Kendall of Troy, Ohio; and two granddaughters.

Visitation will be from 6-9 p.m. Sunday at Riemann Memorial Funeral Home, U.S. 49 North, in Gulfport. A service will be at 10 a.m. Monday in the funeral home chapel with burial in Floral Hills Memorial Gardens in Gulfport with full military honors.

DORIS T. MITCHELL

Doris Tate Mitchell, 83, of Picayune, died Thursday, Nov. 20, 1997, in Picayune.

Mrs. Mitchell was a native of Richardson, Miss. and was a substitute school teacher with the Picayune Public Schools. She was a member of New Palestine Baptist Church in Picayune and a member of the Colonial Dames of the 17th Century.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Warren B. Tate and Mary M. Mitchell Tate; her husband, Otho Mitchell and two brothers, William E. Tate and Samuel E. Tate.

Survivors include two daughters, Kay M. Ferlandy of Picayune and Gail M. Moran of Diamondhead; a brother, James E. Tate of Jackson, Miss. and a granddaughter.

Visitation was Friday evening at McDonald Funeral Home in Picayune.

Funeral services were conducted Saturday at New Palestine Baptist Church in Picayune. Burial was in New Palestine Cemetery in Picayune.

HERBERT G. SHIYOU

Herbert G. Shiyou, 73, of Kiln, died Thursday, Nov. 20, 1997, in Slidell.

Mr. Shiyou was a member of Annunciation Catholic Church in Kiln, a life member of DAV Chapter 50 in Bay St. Louis, the VFW Post 6285 in Kiln, the National Order Trench Rats, Purple Heart Club and American Legion Post 139 in Bay St. Louis.

He was preceded in death by two sisters, Rosella Shiyou and Lena Ladner; four brothers, Walter Shiyou, Manuel Shiyou, Orvis Shiyou and George Shiyou.

Survivors include his wife, Aloise Perronne Shiyou of Kiln; three sons, Ronald Shiyou of Bayou LaCrosse, Rayford Shiyou and Calvin Shiyou, both of Kiln; two sisters, Josephine Zillyan Shiyou of Kiln and Verdee Kilner of Bay St. Louis; nine grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Visitation was Friday evening at Edmond Fahey Funeral Home in Bay St. Louis. Services were conducted Saturday at the funeral home chapel. Burial was in St. Joseph Cemetery at Rotten Bayou.

BYRD LEE TAUNTON

Mrs. Byrd Lee Taunton, 91, of Diamondhead, died Wednesday, Nov. 19, 1997, in Diamondhead.

Mrs. Taunton was a native of Tallapoosa County, Ala., and a member of Rock Springs Baptist Church.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Elmer Riley Taunton; a son, Donald Tony Taunton; two daughters, Annie Jean Turner and Gloria Joyce McGinnis; her parents, Arthur and Sara Darnell; three brothers, Herschel Darnell, Marshall Darnell and George Darnell; and a sister, Veda Finney.

Survivors include two daughters, Sara Jo Hale of Prattville, Ala., and Jacqueline Delaney of Diamondhead; a brother, Bennie Darnell of Holtville, Ala.; two sisters, Cleo Frances Dillard of Notasulga, Ala., and Emily Parker of Troy, Ala.; five grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Visitation was Friday evening at Gassett Funeral Home in Wetumpka, Ala. A graveside service was conducted Saturday in Rock Springs Baptist Church Cemetery in Rock Springs, Ala.

Edmond Fahey Funeral in Bay St. Louis was in charge of local arrangements.

DWAYNE TRAYLOR

Dwayne Traylor, 34, of Ocean Springs, died Tuesday, Nov. 18, 1997, in Ocean Springs.

Mr. Traylor was a native of Gulfport and a graduate of Long Beach High School and Jeff Davis Community College. He was an electrical designer and was employed with the engineering firms of Seacor in Pascagoula, J. J. McMullen of Pascagoula and Ingalls Shipbuilding. He was a member of First Church of the Nazarene in Gulfport.

He was preceded in death by his father, Charles B. Traylor.

Survivors include his wife, Pam Farmer Traylor of Ocean Springs; his mother, Dale Traylor of Long Beach; a brother, Darryl Traylor of Pass Christian; and his grandmothers, Effie Z. Traylor or Meridian and Janie C. Bruton of Gulfport.

Visitation was Friday evening at Riemann Funeral Home in Gulfport. Services were conducted Saturday in the funeral home chapel. Burial was in Gulf Pines Memorial Gardens in Long Beach.

CHARLES WALKER

Charles Walker, age unavailable, died Wednesday, Nov. 19, 1997, in Pass Christian.

Arrangements are incomplete at J.T. Hall Funeral Home in Gulfport.

Carey Christmas sale

William Carey College on the Coast will hold its fourth annual Christmas Sale beginning with a reception and silent auction on Wednesday, Dec. 3 at 7 p.m. The sale will be hosted by Kappa Pi Honorary International Art Fraternity, chapter Zeta Omega.

The sale will feature works of art at reasonable prices, including paintings, prints, ceramics, sculpture and jewelry by up and coming artists such as Yvonne Brown, Daphne Dudley, Matt Steadman and Tim Waldrop.

The opening reception will be 7-9 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 3 along with a silent auction. In order to accommodate the public, the Sarah Gillespie Gallery will have special sale hours: noon-6 p.m. Monday-Friday, and 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturday.

The sale runs Dec. 3 through Dec. 11. The gallery is located in the Fairchild Administration Building at William Carey College on the Coast in Gulfport.

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Supreme Court justice eager to take office

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Officially, Bill Waller Jr. is not a judge. But it has been more than a year since he won election to the Mississippi Supreme Court.

Waller, the 45-year-old son of former Gov. William Waller Sr., has spent the months wrapping up loose ends of his legal practice in Jackson and chomping at the bit to don the black robe of a justice.

"They have been getting a pound of flesh out of me," said Waller, whose post becomes official in January. "There are a lot of administrative functions to get out of the way. I have been spending a lot of time at the court offices."

Waller's been fitted with a robe, has gotten his business cards and has been assigned an office. He moves into the office now occupied by Justice Fred L. Banks.

Banks will move to another office as the shuffling begins with the retirement of Chief Justice Dan M. Lee. Presiding Justice Lenore Prather will become chief justice.

The Supreme Court usually takes breaks for Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's holidays—pushing some work back to January.

"I've already been doing a good bit of work. I've seen my first draw of cases and reviewed them for conflicts (with private legal practice), doing a little background work," Waller said.

He can't discuss them but he said "there are a lot of exciting cases."

Waller, who survived a large field of candidates vying for the job, said he has had informal meetings with the other judges.

"I can't imagine a group more interested in getting anybody prepared to go," Waller said.

The former Jackson city judge won 66 percent of the vote in defeating state Appellate Court Judge Billy Bridges in a November 1996 runoff.

However, since Lee's term did not end until January 1998 and Lee would not step down early, Waller has sat on the sidelines waiting for his official swearing-in now set for Jan. 5, 1998.

"It has been a very awkward transition," he said. "I have continued to practice law. No one has raised an objection, but if anyone had, I certainly would not have been comfortable continuing to practice."

Waller is not critical of Lee's decision to complete his term but said the wait "has not been a good situation."

"There's a lot that could be done, but I am in almost daily

contact now even if I am not up there all the time," Waller said.

There is nothing in state law and nothing in the Supreme Court appropriation that creates a temporary office for an elected justice in limbo.

Rank-and-file legislators, whose professions are other than the practice of law, have deferred to their attorney/colleagues in dealing with judicial issues.

There has been little discussion of changing the election system. Supreme Court justices come up for election at different times. Four positions were up for election in 1996.

There are nine judges on the Mississippi Supreme Court, three from each district. Judges are elected on a staggered basis to eight-year terms in even-numbered years.

With no interim funding for a new justice, Waller has been an unpaid, unofficial member of the court.

While not complaining about the situation, he said the situation could be improved for future new judges.

"I continued to practice law to make a living. To me, anybody coming into an office would prefer a more immediate solution," Waller said.

Waller's term runs from January 1998 to January 2006.

Free pregnancy class

A free pregnancy class is being offered at Hancock Medical Center from 7-9 p.m. on Tuesday.

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Waveland health fair

Close to 100 people turned out last Saturday to take advantage of the Waveland Health Fair, according to organizer Alderman Tommy Longo. In addition to free screenings for glaucoma, glucose and eyesight, there was free fingerprinting for the children by the Waveland Police Department. Smoky the Clown from the Waveland Fire Department was on hand teaching youngsters about fire safety and even handed out some fire hats. R.S.V.P. handed out emergency information cards and provided refreshments.

'Cops for Tots' campaign begins

BY ED LEPOMA

Hancock County sheriff's deputies are working feverishly to raise funds for their annual "Cops For Tots" campaign.

The deputies will be out in force, staging a can-shake at the junction of Hwy. 90 and 603, like they have been doing for the past three weekends. The Sheriff's Department is also accepting cash donations, and you may bring your cash or checks to the Sheriff's Office at 122 Court Street in downtown Bay St. Louis.

The deputies' goal is to collect enough monies to buy toys and clothing for needy children this Christmas.

Deputy John Luther also invites everyone to attend this year's annual "Pig Bowl" to be staged in Metairie at 5 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 6.

The Harahan Police Department will play full-contact football against lawmen and attorneys from the Gulf Coast. Admission to the game is donation of a toy.

Luther said a convoy will leave from the Schwegmann's parking lot in Waveland at 2 p.m. to travel to the East Jefferson High School Football Field at 400 Phlox Avenue in Metairie.

Deputies have been circulating questionnaires to area schools asking parents to sub-

mit names of needy children and to select two items of clothing they might need. Questionnaires will also be distributed to social workers working through Hancock County's welfare office.

"Cops for Tots" will stage its annual Christmas party at the Hancock County Civic Center on Sunday, Dec. 14 to distribute the clothing and toys.

Luther said Santa Claus will arrive on a fire trucks, and there will be refreshments.

For more information, contact Luther, Matt Karl or Eddie Jennings at the sheriff's department, 467-5101.

Adopt-A-Family program

BY ED LEPOMA

For the fifth year, Carole's Old Towne Restaurant will sponsor its Adopt-A-Family campaign.

Co-owners Carole Ripley and Mary Woodson work with Hancock County's Human Resources Department, which selects needy families in the area who might not otherwise have toys or food for the holidays.

This year they are asking citizens to contribute money, baby diapers, clothing, toys and food, which will be distributed to the selected families.

You can bring donations to the restaurant at 119 Main Street in downtown Bay St. Louis, and donations will be accepted from Nov. 29 until Dec. 20.

Woodson said area residents have been generous in the past, and she is hoping for another successful campaign.

"The people in this town have been just wonderful," she said. She recalled getting an urgent call from HRC two days before Christmas one year for 15 more children who otherwise would have had nothing for Christmas. "But, through the generosity of people, we managed to help them out," she said.

In the past, Woodson used to go to area homes to deliver the goodies, but she said she can't do it this year. The HRC will, instead, have the families come to the restaurant on Dec. 22 to pick up things on their "wish list."

"It's just too depressing to see families living in places that would be considered storage sheds," she said. "We do not know how fortunate we are."

Woodson said during the campaign, donations will also be accepted for Hope Haven, the county's center for abused and neglected children.

For more information, call the restaurant at 467-5687.

Waveland signs waste agreement

BY BETSY GAGNET

The Waveland Board of Aldermen has approved the incorporation agreement creating the Hancock County Regional Solid Waste Management Authority and authorized Mayor John Mason to sign it.

The proposed agreement would create an entity responsible for garbage collection, disposal and recycling in Hancock County. Bay St. Louis and Hancock County must also approve the agreement.

As proposed, the Authority would be comprised of six members including the mayors of Bay St. Louis and Waveland and the president of the Hancock County Board of Supervisors who would each serve staggered terms.

The Bay City council has agreed to the terms of the incorporation agreement, pending review by the city attorney. The Supervisors have taken the matter under advisement.

In other matters, a new police canine will soon be joining the Waveland Police Department.

Waveland Police Chief Jimmy Varnell told the Board at Monday's workshop meeting that his department has raised almost \$6,300 in donations toward the purchase of a new dog. The new dog will replace, Brix, a German shepherd, which had to be retired due to hip dislocation.

Waveland City Attorney Ronnie Artigues is investigating whether the city can recover any compensation for Brix.

"We had a verbal guarantee that (Brix) would be replaced (for the hip dislocation)," Varnell said. "Now they're not wanting to do that."

At Wednesday's meeting the Board authorized the purchase of the dog and agreed to send canine Officer C. J. Lick to Hattiesburg to attend eight to ten weeks of training with the animal. Upon completion of the training, Lick will be qualified to train any future dogs, which would then have to only undergo certification, according to Varnell.

The cost of the canine plus training and accommodations in Hattiesburg is estimated at \$7,900, Varnell said. Donations are still being solicited, but the

Board authorized using funds from the police department training budget if enough money is not collected.

The new dog will be a Malinois, which Varnell described as a "smaller version of a German shepherd", not prone to hip dislocation." He told the Board that Harrison County uses the Malinois breed exclusively.

When trained, the dog will be used in tracking, drug detection, criminal apprehension, patrolling and public relations. At present, Lick's own dog Ace, being used by the department, is only certified in tracking.

The Board authorized advertisement for bids on bullet-proof vests for the police department. Funds for the vests were included in the department's 1997-98 budget.

Holiday closings

Hancock County and Bay-Waveland schools lead off the holidays, closing Wednesday, Thanksgiving Day and Friday.

County offices and city offices in Bay St. Louis, Waveland and Pass Christian will be closed Thursday and Friday.

Area banks and Post Offices will be closed only on Thursday, and will resume normal operations on Friday.

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Marine Christmas open house

The date for the J. L. Scott Marine Education Center & Aquarium Christmas Open House has been set for 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 6, MEC&A Administrator Sharon Walker said.

The annual family-oriented event is free to the public and will feature educational marine presentations with a Christmas theme. Topics include crabs, sharks, wildlife, birds, sea turtles and shell.

Staff and volunteers are carrying out the marine theme in holiday decorations. Life-sized replicas of children and marine animals will surround a 12-foot seashell tree. Other displays are a crustacean tree made of netting and shrimp and crawfish ornaments and the "Twelve Days of Christmas under the Sea" coral wreath display. The Aquarium Room will also be decorated and available for public viewing.

Hand-on activities for children will include sea-creature ornament-making, a puppet activity, "Sandy" Claus art and a visit from Santa.

Pass parade

BY ED LEPOMA

Historic Pass Christian will stage its 13th annual Christmas in the Pass celebration along city streets and on the water, beginning at 4 p.m. Friday, Dec. 5.

Entries are now being accepted for the water parade, and the city is inviting fishermen, those with sailboats and motor boats to join in the festivities. Prizes will be awarded for best decorated boats in each division. There is no entry fee, but those interested are asked to call: Gene Walet at 452-2744; Sylvester Alexander at 452-2261; or Allyson Kellar at 452-3593.

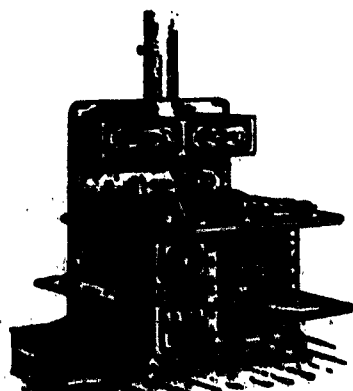
There will also be open house at City Hall on Scenic Drive, and Mayor Billy McDonald will light the Christmas tree in War Memorial Park prior to the parade of the lighted water crafts.

The water parade is scheduled to begin at 7 p.m.

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"CUEVAS' QUOTES"

By Ellis C. Cuevas

I read with interest an article this week from The Washington Post in The Times-Picayune this week about a congressman accusing the president of granting burial plots in Arlington National Cemetery.

I am sure we will be hearing more about the accusations in time to come.

Arlington National Cemetery really brings back memories to me of my military days when my barracks were located across the street at Fort Myer's South Post.

I have been told that the area where my barracks were are now part of the cemetery.

One of the problems facing veterans now is that there are very few serving our country in high political offices who served in the military.

Most World War II Vets are retired, as well as many from the Korean Conflict and Apparently there are not many Vietnam Veterans seeking political offices.

I was stationed at Arlington Hall Station and my company was at Fort Myer for about 18 months.

Some 40 years ago there was talk about space being limited at the cemetery and I am sure the problem still exists.

By the way, we also received a telephone call about the accusations from a concerned citizen this week too.

Do not forget the Hancock County Chamber of Commerce's sponsored outdated telephone directory annual recycling drive underway by area schools.

If you have not received your new telephone directory, you should be receiving one soon.

The drive for the schools ends on December 12.

Last year there was some \$23,800 given to private and public schools in the coastal counties of Hancock, Harrison and Jackson.

These monies are used by the various schools for many projects to help improve education.

BellSouth is a big pusher for the recycling and once again, Fastway Systems will be assisting free of charge in storage and hauling of the outdated directories to the recycling plant.

Best of luck to all of the schools participating.

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A Mississippi State University computer scientist Anthony Sigdum is playing a major role in a project known as the Parallel Mathematics Libraries that is funded by the U.S. Industry Coalition (USIC). The USIC specializes in commercializing high technology opportunities coming from the independent states of former Soviet Union and the U.S. Energy Department. He is working with other scientists at the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory, the All-Russian Scientific Research Institute of Experimental Physics and the Intel Corporation. Mississippi State's contribution includes the design of computer software that engineers and mathematicians will use for large-scale problem solving of complex numerical solutions. Just another way Mississippi Universities are making sure we know more.

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ASK THE V.A.

By Donald Mauffray
Veterans Service Officer

VA questions and answers

Q. Does a general discharge from military service qualify me for benefits from VA?

A. Yes. Honorable and general discharges qualify veterans for benefits, unless other statutory bars to entitlement exist.

Q. Is it true that husbands of female veterans are eligible for the same benefits as wives and widows of male veterans?

A. Yes. A husband or widow has the same status as a wife or widow of a male veteran and is eligible to receive the same benefits if otherwise entitled.

Q. I received an "other than honorable" discharge from military service. Am I eligible for Department of Veterans Affairs benefits?

A. An "other than honorable" discharge requires that VA make a special determination on the facts of the case to decide if the applicant's discharge qualified for VA benefits. To be eligible for a particular VA benefit, the veteran must also meet the other eligibility factors which pertain to that benefit.

Q. I was recently separated from active duty under other than honorable conditions. Can I have the type of discharge changed?

A. You may apply for review of your discharge by writing to the military department concerned, using Department of Defense Form 293 (DD-293). This form can be obtained from the County Veterans Service Office at 149 Main Street, Bay St. Louis or by calling 467-2100. I can assist you in filling out the form or give you an appointment to do so.

Q. Not long ago I received a VA home loan, and now I have been informed that the loan has been sold to another company. Is this proper?

A. Yes. It is not unusual for a lender to sell the loan to a servicing company. This would not have any effect on the terms and conditions of the mortgage and should not be a cause for concern.

Q. I would like to get a VA home loan, but I cannot locate my discharge papers, my DD-214. Is it correct that I won't be able to get a loan until the military finds my old records and sends me another DD-214?

A. Not necessarily. If you have an active VA benefits file, the local VA regional office in Jackson should be able to initiate the paperwork immediately. However, if you have not previously applied for any benefits, or if a past VA claim is inactive, you can contact me at the address and phone number listed in question 4. I will assist you in filling out Standard Form 180, Request Pertaining to Military Records. The records are kept in National Personnel Records Center in St. Louis, Mo., and it usually takes six weeks or more to get a reply.

Q. Can I pay off my VA home loan before it comes due?

A. Yes. A VA home loan may be partially or fully paid at any time without penalty. Partial payments may not be less than one monthly installment or \$100, whichever is less. Consult your lender for more details.

THE PEOPLE'S BUSINESS

A Weekly Editorial
From Mississippi Economic Council

Our good Uncle Sam just keeps on giving

Good ole deep-pocketed Uncle Sam.

If recent news reports about federal cutbacks have led you to believe the money tree was being trimmed think about this—Mississippi will receive more federal funds next year than this year. And even more the following year. And still another jump the following year. And even more the following year.

Got it? There's going to be more, not less.

The federal piggy bank pumped nearly \$16 billion of federal funds into Mississippi's economy in fiscal year 1997. Senior economist Dr. Marianne Hill at the Center for Policy Research and Planning at the Mississippi Institutions of Higher Learning calculates that by the time fiscal year 2002 rolls around Mississippi's take will jump to over \$20.2 billion.

And we should quickly add that Mississippi gets back \$1.64 for every dollar it sends to Washington. That's because we're a poor state, and we simply don't pay out as much as more affluent states thanks in part to the progressive nature of the federal tax system.

On the receiving side we have a high population of poor and elderly, plus Mississippi enjoys

the benefits of a large number of military bases and defense contracts.

Every major category of federal spending in Mississippi will see an increase between now and FY 2002. Medicaid, the medical program for the poor, will see a jump of over \$600 million. State and local governments will reap a \$1.2 billion increase.

Direct payments to individuals for items ranging from social security to food stamps and Medicare will jump \$2.4 billion. Federal procurements and wages and salaries will also rise.

There are some changes as Congress and bureaucrats create, cut, and rearrange programs. But as one grant writer noted, the dollars don't disappear, they simply end up in another pot. Federal programs today are becoming concentrated in mandated programs, but there is an increasing tendency to give grants to the states and let them spend it within strict guidelines.

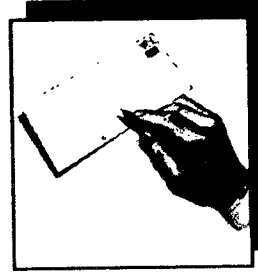
Some call such programs "pacifiers" because most rules allow very little program flexibility.

But rest easy. The rules may change, but cash is still coming in.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Reader makes suggestions on sewage problems

Dear Editor:

I think some obvious answers exist to questions about Shoreline Park and sewage.

1. An RV or trailer is designed to have wheels. It is mobile.

2. A structure is not designed to have wheels. It is immobile.

3. People cannot let their personal sewage affect the health and property of either private citizens or the public.

4. Finally, do you want your neighbor dumping raw sewage

allows casinos to "establish a sports book or race book on the premises... after obtaining permission" from the state Gaming Commission.

However, another section of the act prohibits wagers on any event "which does not take place on the premises."

The state Gaming Commission has decided to appeal the judge's decision to the Mississippi Supreme Court for a conclusive ruling.

into your ditch next to your family home?

W. J. Thomas
Waveland

LETTERS WELCOME

The Sea Coast Echo welcomes comments from its readers on subjects of general interest. Letters must be signed and include address or phone number so that the sender can be contacted by the newspaper if necessary. Letters should be brief, preferably typewritten and double spaced, and conform to standards of good taste. Only one letter per writer per month will be published. The editor reserves the right to edit or reject letters.

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—Ellis Cuevas, publisher

Horse betting Bill to be filed for casinos

ASSOCIATED PRESS

State Rep. Clayton Henderson says he will push local lawmakers to officially legalize horse race gambling at Mississippi casinos.

Henderson, D-Tunica, said a bill he plans to introduce when the legislature convenes in January would allow betting on races in those casinos that simulcast the events.

"It would be left up to (casinos) whether they wanted to do it, and it would be added revenue coming into the state. This would be another form of gaming recreation," Henderson said.

His goal is to draw more gamblers to the state's casinos, he said, particularly those along the Mississippi River in his home county. The proposal is a unique twist in the relationship between horse tracks and the increasing number of casinos that the tracks say are stealing their customers and putting many, including Illinois's Arlington Race Track, out of business.

In August, a Mississippi county judge ruled that betting on horse races was legal in casinos. But the judge said

Paul Harvey, the commission's executive director, has previously said he would not be opposed to race books if the courts ruled they were permissible under the law.

Ralph Englestad, owner of the Imperial Palace casino, sued the commission after Harvey denied his request earlier this year for a race book.

"It's not a big money maker in Las Vegas, but it is an added attraction, another slice in the gaming pie," said Gaming Commission spokesman Warren Strain.

The issues of horse race betting and wagering on sporting events were ones lawmakers did not get into during the debate on legalizing casinos in 1990. Anti-gambling forces claimed they were told the state would not allow betting on sporting events, such as college football.

However, the ambiguity in the law surfaced during the trial of Imperial Palace's lawsuit.

He noted that the state Gaming Control Act was contradictory in its reference to horse race betting and casinos.

The law, enacted in 1990,

Marina

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mixed reaction to the planned cutbacks.

"As you know, this is a project funded with Tidelands monies, and those funds are used to provide public facilities that are badly needed or that were affected by casino gambling. It wouldn't seem prudent to me to build this facility without ancillary public services," he said.

However, Deegan added that the DMR had agreed to provide its own funds to Hancock County for a marine pump-out station at the Pleasure Street site, so fishing boats using the marina can pump out their marine toilets.

Neil Smith, the county's building inspector and chief zoning enforcement officer, said the county hasn't come to his office yet seeking any kind of permit.

He said his office's main responsibility would be to ensure that any structures, such as public restrooms, would be elevated above the flood stage, since the marina will be located in the floodplain.

Bill Johnson, consultant to Compton Engineers, said the costs associated with constructing the elevated public restrooms was the main reason

for eliminating them in the initial construction.

Johnson said "very conceptual" estimates are that the Harbor Master's office and public restrooms would cost around \$100,000 and the cost for running the main sewerage line to the facilities would add another \$48,000 to the project.

Johnson also indicated that talks may resume between the county and the city of Waveland about possibly tying into the sewerage line that once served the Jubilation casino.

Waveland Utilities Director Steve Landry said, "Some

months ago engineers did talk to us about it, but we didn't do much except talk about it."

He said, "I told them I didn't think there would be a problem, but it would have to meet approval by the mayor and Board of Aldermen."

Supervisors will make a decision at their Dec. 1 meeting on whether to go ahead with the first phase construction. They are seeking another \$300,000 for the marina through Tidelands funds to be distributed next year, but predictions are that may only be awarded around \$135,000.

Pass

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Broussard. You can make ground meat or you can make a filet."

Mississippi Power provided a crew from Asplundh Tree Expert Co. to cut the oaks, and

Navy Seabees from Gulfport under the command of SWC Charles "Chuck" Roland loaded the cut wood onto trucks.

Roland said the clearing project was also good training for

the Seabees, who are often called out to clear the way after Coast hurricanes or other natural disasters.

The wood—close to seven

tons—will be stored at the Naval Construction Battalion Center in Gulfport, then trucked to the Charleston Yard.

DeBardleben seemed relieved and proud that she was able to give some of the trees a second life.

"At least, these won't go up in smoke or end up in a landfill," she said.

"And, Who knows, maybe one day my grandchildren can go to Boston and see the USS Constitution and say, 'That wood came from Pass Christian.'"

Bay

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Building inspection officials said they stopped work on the site Tuesday, after the tree was demolished. The property's owner, Joseph Zuppardo, said Wednesday he didn't know the tree was protected. "I wasn't aware it wasn't supposed to be taken down. It wasn't historical or anything."

Zuppardo said he first learned of a problem when his contractor

told him city officials "raised hell with them" over the tree removal.

The site is being prepared for an addition to the existing shopping center at Blue Meadow Road and Highway 90. Zuppardo said Sicily Pizza has already signed a lease for some of the space, and "three or four other major companies" are in negotiations for space.

Months ago, plans were

announced for a new Winn Dixie store on the lot. Zuppardo said the grocery store's owners have decided to remodel their existing facility rather than build a new one.

Mayor Eddie Favre said the developer will have to comply with the city's site plan review process before the project proceeds.

In another tree matter, Carroll Gordon complained that city crews have been severely damaging Live Oaks that hang over Carroll Avenue and Second Street. Gordon said crews are cutting limbs improperly, and may cause the ultimate death of some of the trees.

He said he plans to hire a tree surgeon to properly trim the tree limbs that have been damaged in front of his house.

Council member James Thrifflie said he's been told the tree trimming was being done to facilitate school bus movement in the area. Gordon said that's not necessary on Carroll Avenue, because it's a wide street with parking on both sides. Buses pass down the middle of the street, he said.

"I'm a little disappointed. It sounds like a half-baked project that nobody's really looked at," said Thrifflie.

Choir to perform at library Tree Gala

The Main Street United Methodist Praise Bell Choir will perform at the Holiday Tree Gala set for Sunday, Dec. 7 at 2:15 p.m. at the Bay St. Louis-Hancock County Library. The event will run from 1-4 p.m.

The Bay High School Chorus, under the direction of Betty Holleman, will also perform at 3 p.m.

More than 40 local businesses, organizations and schools will display decorated trees throughout the building.

"We invite the public to visit the library and enjoy an afternoon of music and activities," said Prima Plaque, library system director. "We will have holiday music, storytelling, a visit from Santa Claus, refreshments and beautiful trees de-

corating the library."

The Main Street United Methodist Praise Bell Choir is a three-octave bell choir composed of 12 members from all occupations and religions. The choir was originally begun in 1981 as a two-octave bell choir, and soon expanded to the present three-octave choir. From this choir, two children's bell choirs and small ensemble groups have developed.

Cherie Schadler, creator of *Welcome to Bayou Town*, will perform a *Bayou Town Christmas* in the Seal Meeting Room at 1:30 p.m. The production will include visits from Mr. and Mrs. Boudreaux, Toby and Alfons.

For information, call David Woodburn at 467-5282.

Library Story Hour

"Thanksgiving" will be the theme at the Bay St. Louis-Hancock County Library Wednesday, Nov. 26, at 10:30 a.m.

Squirrel's Thanksgiving Surprise is the book to be read. Susan Daigre will present the program and will assist children in making their own Thanksgiving turkeys. They will also receive a color sheet.

Weekly story hours are held September through May. Programs last approximately one hour.

The Kiln Library hosts a story hour every other Tuesday.

Programs and activities are designed for pre-school age children three to five years old who are not part of a nursery or pre-school group.

For individual branch story hour information, contact David Woodburn, Bay St. Louis-Hancock County Public Library, 467-5282; or Sandra Ladner, Kiln Library, 255-1724.

Libraries to close for holiday

All three branches of the Hancock County Library System will be closed Thursday, Friday and Saturday, Nov. 27-29 for the Thanksgiving holiday.

Patrons wishing to return books during this period are

asked to return them to the outside bookdrops.

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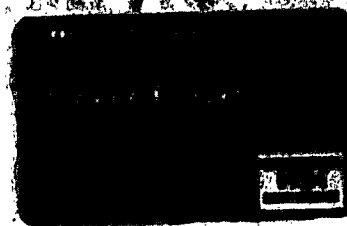
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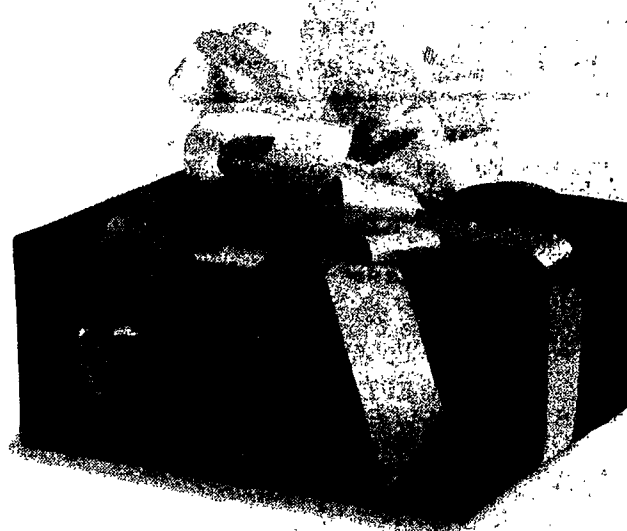
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REFLECTIONS ON LIFE

By Father Jerome
LeDoux, SVD

"For the safe delivery of my baby — and I'm due tomorrow — we pray to the Lord."

Instead of the usual response by the congregation during the time of petitions at the Sunday service, peals of laughter rolled up and down around the whole assembly. There was a most pleasurable, new dimension added to our prayers.

Mary Bonnette Jumonville did not intend it that way, but a funnier line could not have been composed for a stand-up comic or substituted by design for the occasion.

Virtually all in the house looked at each other with the broadest and most spontaneous of smiles. Neither then nor later did anyone question the appropriateness of the prayer, for it all seemed to be so fitting and so human.

Minutes later, when I welcomed Clarence Montague back after his second cataract surgery, he woke up the congregation again by letting us know how well he could see and how

ready he was for any eventuality through the grace of God.

Yes, we sometimes forget that the atmosphere in God's house should reflect the full gamut of the divine and the human at one and the same time. This was exactly the kind of bridge Jesus formed between us and the eternal Godhead.

I cannot imagine anything else but a highly comedic encounter between Jesus and the diminutive, somewhat rascally Zacchaeus who had climbed a sycamore tree to get above the taller crowd and get a clear look at Jesus.

Prayer, whether of praise or petition, is usually solemn and a bit suppressed, but there are times when our prayer should express the livelier and more jubilant side of us as vibrant, expectant, ever-changing human beings.

Then there is another side of us which is not so jubilant as it is bumbling, but just as amusing, if not more. Again, what more hilarious setting than the

house of God where we tend to take on a solemn air. The event: a wedding.

"I, Catherine," the bride-to-be began to repeat after me, "take you, John, for my awful husband."

There was a moment's hesitation and indecision. Then the whole church erupted in gasps and uncontrollable laughter, enveloping everyone including the wedding couple. It was also the first time I laughed aloud during a wedding ceremony.

Things got a little fuzzy after that, but to this day I am convinced that the bride's half-voiced second attempt at the phrase resulted in the same "my awful husband."

Naturally, I just left well enough alone and moved on with a smile.

Levity is not generally a fitting attitude for God's house, but it sometimes colors well and

lightens the heavy burdens and trials which we moan about and pray about. And it is very human and desirable to smile amid our travails.

More than that, the light side of life is part and parcel of our human makeup, finding its way into the most solemn moments of our life. Several times, a frog in my throat has added flavor and wholesome laughter to a hymn I was singing.

After his first stroke, which left him with but two days of life, my father, speaking from a semi-confused state of mind, made us all laugh in spite of his deathbed by telling a number of the anecdotes and jokes he was famous for.

Thank God, we are at liberty as God's children to be ourselves, to be at home, to be at peace no matter where we are. Ecclesiastes 3 smiles on a time to laugh and a time to weep.

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BIRTHS

ROBERT C. MATRANGA III

Mr. and Mrs. Robert C. Matranga Jr. of Kiln announce the birth of their third child, Robert C. III, November 9, 1997 at 4:30 a.m. at Hancock Medical Center in Bay St. Louis.

He weighed 7 pounds, 6 ounces.

Maternal grandparents are Donald and Gladys Jacobs of Kiln. Paternal grandmother is Sandy Matranga of Slidell. Great-grandmother is Carrie Matranga of New Orleans. Robert is welcomed by John and Amber.

GLENDIA ELIZABETH ROCKWELL

Mandy A. Rockwell of Pearlinton announces the birth of a daughter, Glendia Elizabeth, November 11, 1997 at 10:10 p.m. at Hancock Medical Center in Bay St. Louis.

She weighed 7 pounds.

Grandparents are Joseph and Elizabeth Rockwell of Pearlinton.

Great-grandparents include Bill and Ann Hughes of Gulfport and Dora Rockwell of Pearlinton.

CHAD ANTHONY CRAIN JR.

Virginia Moran and Chad Crain Jr. of Pearlinton announce the birth of their second child, Chad Anthony Jr., November 7, 1997 at 2:40 p.m. at Hancock Medical Center in Bay St. Louis.

He weighed 7 pounds, 5 ounces.

Maternal grandparents are William Chester and Barbara Breland of Long Beach.

Paternal grandparents are Cynthia and Darrell Fontana of Waveland and Charles Crain of Louisiana.

Great-grandparents include Margie Young and Johnnie Young of Long Beach, and Agnes and Chester Lane of Louisiana.

Chad Anthony is welcomed by his sister Kayle Crain.

ALANA ELIZABETH VERDON

Mr. and Mrs. Ronald E. Verdon Jr. of Pass Christian, announce the birth of their third child, Alana Elizabeth, November 4, 1997 at 6:26 p.m. at Memorial Hospital at Gulfport.

She weighed 5 pounds.

Mrs. Verdon is the former Aline Hill.

Maternal grandparents are Ruby Bowers of Waveland and Rufus Hill of Morgan City, La.

Paternal grandparents are Pat Verdon of Bay St. Louis and Ronald E. Verdon Sr. of New Orleans.

Alana is welcomed by her brothers Nathaniel and Tyler.

TIA KATRINA JOHNSTON

Mr. and Mrs. Patrick Johnston of Pass Christian announce the birth of their second daughter, Tia Katrina, October 14, 1997 at 9:48 a.m. at Memorial Hospital at Gulfport.

She weighed 7 pounds, 10 ounces.

Mrs. Johnston is the former Piccola Dietrich of Waveland.

Maternal grandparents are Louis "Bubby D" and Piccola Dietrich of Waveland.

Paternal grandparents are the late Mr. and Mrs. Richard Johnston.

Great-grandparents include Mr. and Mrs. Louis Dietrich of Metairie and the late Mr. and Mrs. Jules Dumestre.

Tia was welcomed by her sister, Emma.

CASEY ALEXANDRA LAFONTAINE

Mr. and Mrs. Kyle C. LaFontaine of Pass Christian announce the birth of their first child, Casey Alexandra, October 24, 1997 at 6:44 p.m. at Slidell Memorial Hospital.

She weighed 7 pounds, 2 ounces.

Mrs. LaFontaine is the former Michelle Williams.

Maternal grandparents are Debbie Picou of Diamondhead and Frank Baktis of Waveland.

Paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Ronald LaFontaine of Pass Christian.

Great-grandparents include Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Picou of Bay St. Louis and Mr. and Mrs. Owen LaFontaine of Waveland, Ms. Peggy Baktis of Florida and the late Mr. and Mrs. James Austin Sr.



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Waveland Municipal Court Docket

COURT DATE NOV. 13

Ahlens, Mandi, speeding, affidavit withdrawn.
 Alley, David, seatbelt violation, fined \$25; driving on suspended license, fined \$51; careless driving, fined \$51.
 Baxter, Brian, improper equipment/no safety helmet, failed to appear.
 Blount, Alver, driving on suspended license; expired/improper/no or switched tag, failed to appear.
 Booth, Earl II, expired/improper/no or switched tag, pass to file; defendant in Harrison County for federal charges.
 Booth, Tony, driving on suspended license, two counts; not guilty, produced valid DL.
 Bowman, Lenora, improper parking/no parking, fined \$75.
 Broussard, Randy J., ran red light/stop sign, fined \$101.
 Brown, David, speeding, fined \$111.
 Brown, Patricia, DUI first offense, issue warrant.
 BUI, Nuyen, speeding, failed to appear.
 Childs, Gayle, expired/improper/no or switched tag, not guilty, produced valid tag.
 Coggin, James, expired/improper/no or switched tag, not guilty, produced valid tag.
 Competta, Paul, expired/improper/no or switched tag, not guilty, produced valid tag.
 Compton, Jeffery, speeding, failed to appear.
 Davis, Christopher, careless driving, failed to appear.
 English, Cory, speeding, not guilty, attended Defensive Driving.
 Gavin, Thomas, speeding, affidavit withdrawn.
 Giardina, Jamie, speeding, fined \$106.
 Holloway, Camaron, expired/improper/no driver license, fined \$126.
 Holmes, June, ran red light/stop sign, affidavit withdrawn.
 Holt, Seth, speeding, fined \$101.
 Hoyt, Terry, improper equipment/no safety helmet, not guilty, headlight fixed; expired/improper/no or switched tag, not guilty, produced valid tag.
 Hudson, Donnie, ran red light/stop sign, fined \$101.
 Huey, Cornelius Jr., speeding, fined \$106.
 Jordan, Kelly, improper equipment/no safety helmet, affidavit withdrawn.
 Kearney, Khristy, reckless driving, fined \$126.
 Kenna, Patrick O. Jr., improper equipment/no safety helmet, repaired light, not guilty; driving on suspended license, fined \$276.
 Lenoir, Kevin, improper equipment/no safety helmet, fined \$126.
 Lewis, Teddy, driving on suspended license, fined \$276; seatbelt violation, fined \$25.
 Lutz, George, speeding, fined \$126.
 McConnon, Gail, speeding, fined \$106.
 McKee, Charles, no parking emergency lane, fined \$50.
 McKenna, Patrick O. Jr., ran red light/stop sign, fined \$126.
 McNeill, Christina D., careless driving, fined \$51.
 McQueen, Tamara, improper equipment/no safety helmet, not guilty, repaired headlight.
 Medina, Juan, expired/improper/no driver license, not guilty, produced valid DL.
 Mendez, Tomas, careless driving, dismissed; DUI 1st offense, fined \$902.
 Minas Ina, speeding, fined \$101.
 Mitchell, Austin, speeding, fined \$106.
 Mouier, Matthew, expired/improper/no driver license, issue warrant.
 Necaise, Charanda, speeding, affidavit withdrawn.
 Necaise, Kirk, speeding, affidavit withdrawn.
 Padgett, Mark, expired/improper/no driver license, failed to appear.
 Ponder, Kristopher, expired/improper/no driver license, fined \$126.
 Price, Nicholas, improper equipment/no safety helmet, failed to appear.
 Randall, Trey, ran red light/stop sign, failed to appear.
 Rineheart, Sheryl, ran red light/stop sign, fined \$101.
 Robinette, Stephanie, improper equipment/no safety helmet, fined \$101.
 Ryseidorph, James, speeding, fined \$111.
 Schaefer, Karl, reckless driving, fined \$126.
 Simmons, Shane O., seatbelt violation, fined \$25; speeding, fined \$101.
 Spiers, Sybil, expired/improper/no or switched tag, failed to appear.
 Thomas, Jenes, ran red light/stop sign, affidavit withdrawn.
 Tillman, Lachina, speeding, fined \$126.
 Treadaway, Harry M., driving w/ license suspended UIC, ran red light/stop sign, failed to appear.
 Triplett, Daniel, speeding, fined \$106.
 Trybulski, Terrance, expired/improper/no or switched tag, fined \$150.50; driving on suspended license, fined \$276.
 Wasson, Kevin, speeding, dismissed.
 White, William, speeding, fined \$101.

Williams, Johnathan, expired/improper/no or switched tag, not guilty, produced valid tag.
 Wilson, Billy, driving on suspended license, failed to appear.
 Antonine, Emanuel R., public drunk/profanity; disorderly conduct, two counts, guilty, time served.
 Blount, Alver L., disorderly conduct, failed to appear.
 Bordelon, Gloria, simple assault, affidavit withdrew charges.
 Brockington, Gerald W., shoplifting 1st offense, fined \$150.50.
 Brown, Patricia A., disorderly conduct, issue warrant.
 Ciapponi, Margaret A., disorderly conduct, fined \$150.50.
 Coffey, Craig R., public drunk/profanity, fined \$100.
 Duffy, Jason E., disturbance of family, failed to appear.
 Duncan, Linda, bad check, issue warrant.
 Fricke, Jason D., public drunk/profanity, forfeit cash bond.
 Kendle, Lee E., bad check, three counts, sentenced 6 months with 3 months suspended, credit for 3 months served and restitution.
 LaFontaine, Lisa M., public drunk/profanity, fined \$150.50.
 Lancaster, Dennis R., bad check, fined \$150.50 to make restitution for bad check.
 McMahon, Timothy, public drunk/profanity, issue warrant.
 Owens, Terry A., trespassing/malicious mischief, state failed, affiant not in court.
 Peterson, Rickey L., public drunk/profanity, forfeit cash bond.
 Renfro, Hubert E., simple assault, 6 months suspended.
 Root, Dowg, false identifying information; public drunk/profanity, pass to file.
 Simpson, Jeffery T., trespassing/malicious mischief, issue warrant.
 Thomas, Shewanda L., shoplifting 1st offense, fined \$425.50.
 Carver, Donald, contempt of court; failure to appear.
 Clark, Cristin, contempt of court; failure to pay, failed to appear.
 Halchias, Anthony, contempt of court; failure to appear, contempt of court; failure to pay time served.
 Patterson, Melinda, contempt of court; failure to pay fine, fined \$150.50.

Circuit Court

COURT DATES

Oct. 20-Nov. 7

State of Mississippi vs Phil Glen Towner, motion for new trial denied.
 State of Mississippi vs Judy Lynn O'Brian, defendant pled guilty to embezzlement, sentenced to 5 years probation.
 Milton D. Butler Jr. vs Lawrence R. Minnaert and NLC, Inc., case dismissed.
 Ruth A. Wright vs Sandra H. Roberson, plaintiff awarded \$250 in sanctions.
 Roxanne Ladner vs Alpha Gulf Coast, Inc. d/b/a Bayou Caddy's Jubilee Casino and Employers Insurance of Wausau, A Mutual Company, motion to dismiss denied.
 Mississippi Cellular Telephone Company d/b/a Cellular South vs Melissa Etheridge, case dismissed.
 The Mississippi Bar vs Gerald R. Emil, defendant suspended from practice for 3 months.
 Sheila Lang, individually and as next friend and natural guardian of Vincent Lang vs Bay St. Louis.

Waveland School District, case dismissed.
 State of Mississippi vs Glenn Franklin Carpenter, probation terminated.
 Rita Shiyou vs Alpha Gulf Coast, Inc. d/b/a Bayou Caddy's Jubilee Casino, defendant's motion to compel production denied; motion to compel plaintiff to answer interrogatories for production of documents denied.
 John Daniel Williams and Barbara Williams vs Rocketdyne, a division of Rockwell International Corporation, case dismissed.
 State of Mississippi vs Anthony B. Fleming, defendant's criminal conviction expunged.
 State of Mississippi vs Catherine Johnson, defendant's criminal conviction expunged.
 State of Mississippi vs Louis Hyde Jr., defendant's criminal conviction expunged.
 State of Mississippi vs Benedict J. Kararick, defendant pled guilty

to burglary of a dwelling, sentenced to 7 years, all suspended, 3 years probation, restitution ordered.
 State of Mississippi vs Henry J. Laneri III, defendant pled guilty to burglary of a dwelling, sentenced to 7 years, suspended, 3 years probation, restitution ordered.
 State of Mississippi vs Leon Galloway, defendant resented to 10 years; all suspended, 3 years probation.
 State of Mississippi vs Kent E. Gyina, defendant sentenced to serve 20 years, all suspended, 3 years probation.
 Michael Owen Boone and Elizabeth Susan Pates vs Kathryn W. Heaton, case dismissed.
 Tiffany B. Spiers vs Louise H. Clauch, ordered desposition of Carroll David Channell prohibited; other evidence cannot be entered.
 Union Planters Bank of southern Mississippi vs Acceptance Insurance Company, case dismissed.

Public Housing Grants

Patricia A. Hoban-Moore, state coordinator of the Mississippi Office of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), announces the following public housing authorities received funding for Fiscal Year 1997 under the Public Housing Drug Elimination Program (PHDEP):
 • Bay St. Louis Housing Authority \$50,000
 • Waveland housing Authority \$50,000
 Public housing authorities are provided funding to assist in eliminating drug-related

crimes in and around public housing developments.

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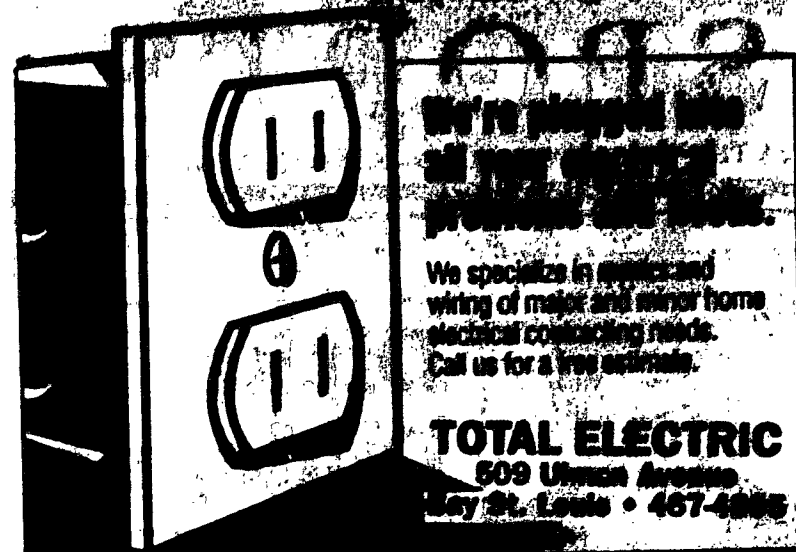
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Ditka Dialogue

• (On who will start at quarterback)
"We're going to start Doug (Nussmeier). We'll back him up with Danny Wuerffel. Heath (Shuler) will be the third quarterback. We're going to start Ray (Zellers) at tailback and probably (Fred) McCrary at fullback.

• (On the reasons for the changes)
"None. There's no reason. There's no explanation. This is what we're going to do. There's no explanation to some things. Why do you get older and not wiser? There's no explanation for that."

• (On how Nussmeier looked on game-tapes)
"He made some good decisions. Threw the ball. He's a good kid. What has to be done now is plays have to be made. There are opportunities to make plays. Somebody has to make them. We're going to give Doug a chance to make them. He's the only one that really hasn't had a chance to play in a game and a chance to start. I just think he deserves that.

• (On Shuler being below Wuerffel)
"Doesn't matter. It's not important."

• (On the lack of consistency at quarterback)
"They don't make very many plays. Plays were there to be made (Eric) Guliford was open on the goal line for a touchdown. If the ball's thrown properly at the end of the game to the right end, it's a big play. They don't make plays. I'm not blaming anybody. I'm just saying we're not making plays. Our defense when they had a chance, they made something happen. So offense when you get a chance, make something happen.

• (On if Shuler has run out of chances)
"No. No."

• (On Shuler's toe injury)
"Yeah, he's hurt. His toe is worse this week than it was last week."

• (On if Shuler's injury factors into the decision)
"Yeah, I'm sure it does, but that's beside the point. Everybody has an injury sometimes."

• (On if these former practice squad players have outperformed the actives)
"In a way they have. You're starting Sammy (Knight). I'd have to say that's pretty good. Hewitt played pretty good in the game, he really did. Not only the blocked punt but he played pretty darn good. Donovan had two missed tackles but he'll be there. He'll be covering somebody. He's feisty."

• (On the efforts to re-sign Winfred Tubbs and Joe Johnson)
"To make that statement, I would assume you have no idea what's going on. I would assume because of the way you made the statement that you are of the thinking that we do not want to sign Tubbs and Johnson, right? (No, I think you do.) Okay, why can't you then? What happens when you want to go to one place for dinner and your wife wants to go to another, what happens? Where do you go? Where your wife wants to go usually, right? Well, they're working hard on it, believe me. You're asking me if it's a priority. I think it's a flat priority. Am I worried about sending a message to the fans? No, I'm not because if they don't know we're trying to do the right thing then they won't know anyway. We are trying to do the right thing. You think I want to let the defense not be intact? No. I want to keep the defense intact. You think Bill (Kuharich) does? Bill does, too. We're all on the same page there, but there's a process you've got to go through. They do a lot of haggling and a lot of junk that goes on. There's a lot of agent talk and all that stuff. So I'm not involved in that. But if you're asking me is there a priority to sign Tubbs and Johnson right now — it is. I'd also like to sign Richard Harvey. I have no problem with that. I'd love to sign Richard Harvey. I think he's had a great year for us."

• (On if he would involve himself if things dragged on)
"No. That's their end of it. We're all on the same page here. They're going to try their hardest within reason. Unless that it would be making some of the deals made in the past that didn't bear out too well that we'll be paying for next year and the year after.

• (On the offense not producing)
"It is a problem. What I've told the team very simply is this: we can't win football games doing what we're doing. To win this way is really absurd. It's ludicrous — that you can turn the ball over five times and you can win it — that you can have more return yardage than you have total offense. You're playing up against the No. 2 offense in the league. Now you think that'll happen week after week. It'll break. You'll break your back somewhere along the way. You can't do that because you're betting on too many things that just don't make sense. You've got to admire the spirit and the effort and the guts and the heart of these guys, but it's time that everybody steps up to the plate and assumes their responsibility and quits trying to hide behind, 'Well I was doing this,' and 'I was doing that,' and 'I was trying to block this guy.' That's a bunch of bull. Block people. That's why you're paid — block people. It's time that we made plays and we execute. Let's be honest. We won't see anything as silly as what happened yesterday. None of that stuff should have ever happened. That game should have ended at 17-10. At the worst.

• (On Guliford)
"I knew he was a good punt returner. I'd played against him, coached against his team when he was in Minnesota. But what impressed me about him as a receiver is how smooth he is. I think he's a very good receiver."

• (On if any part of the offense is playing well)
"Nah. You can't say, 'Well, this is okay.' Because if the whole thing isn't working, then it makes the rest of it look bad.

• (On if Mario Bates is out of chances)
"I named four guys. No, he's not out of chances. Nobody's out of chances. Just like you go in a grocery store, you go to the deli, pick a number. You're one, two or three. If you're three, you wait. If you're one, you go to bat right now."

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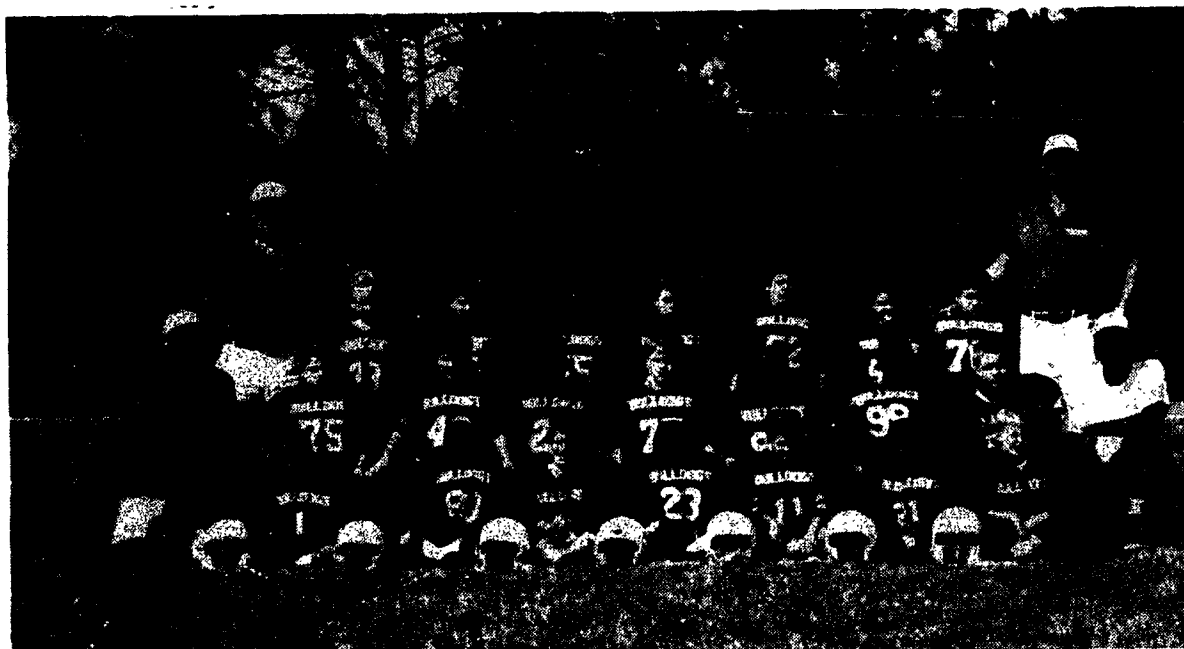
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Lakeshore 7 & 8 All-Star champs

Saturday, Nov. 15 at the Mississippi South Youth Football Conference All-Star Games in Poplarville, the Bulldogs took control. The Poplarville Hornets upset Bay St. Louis 14-6 in the first game of the day. The 7 and 8 Lakeshore Bulldogs won over the Hancock Hawks with a victory of 20-0. This placed Poplarville and Lakeshore in the finals for the championship. Lakeshore had been rated No. 2 in the league, but won with a 22-12 score. Pictured, are, from left bottom row, assistant Coach D. J. Johnson, Devin Berry, Christopher Thomas, Ryan "Coon" Moran, Chaquille Lewis, Gavin Meranto, Theo Hawkins, Spencer Morris; middle row, Richard Schwartz, Eric C. Moran Jr., Destiny Johnson, Kenneth Lee, Reuben Hawkins, Jeremy Simpkins, David Winslow, assistant Coach William Parker; top row, Coach Glen Mernato, Casey Landrum, Kyle Meranto, Dwayne Bridget, Tyler Carver, Brandon Jorden, Jake Chatham, Chris Ivy and Coach Eric C. Moran Sr. Not pictured is Mario Martinez.

Supremacist sues Ole Miss

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A self-proclaimed white supremacist, claiming that the University of Mississippi is interfering with free speech rights by hindering displays of Confederate flags at football games, has filed suit against the school.

Rankin County attorney Richard Barrett, who did not attend Ole Miss, asked a federal judge to intervene before Ole Miss plays its finale home football game of the season, Saturday against Georgia.

In a six-page suit filed in federal court in Oxford, Barrett claims he was threatened with arrest at the Rebels' Nov. 6 game against Arkansas, the first game at which the university enforced a new policy that prohibits sticks from being taken into the stadium.

The policy banning sticks does not address flags, but the university has another long-standing policy that sets size limitations on banners brought into the stadium.

Barrett said he wanted to display a three-by-five foot flag in the stadium in protest of the university's anti-flag policies and the desegregation of the college in 1962.

"The stadium has been used for expressive activities, centered on pro-Mississippi heritage and the Confederate Flag, for over 30 years, by others and by Plaintiff, waving flags and making pro-Mississippi Heritage statements," Barrett wrote.

"There is considerable interest in the Confederate Flag waving at the ball game among students and others

throughout the nation," he said in the suit.

The Ole Miss athletic department, with the backing of the chancellor, decided last month to ban flag sticks and other pointed objects from Vaught-Hemingway Stadium.

Ole Miss became the ninth Southeastern Conference school to ban sticks from their stadiums. The others are Kentucky, Vanderbilt, Arkansas, LSU, Auburn, Alabama, Georgia and South Carolina.

The college's athletic director and lawyer were unavailable for comment on the lawsuit.

Barrett said college administrators, officials and lawyers refused his request for permission to attend the upcoming game with a flag.

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Deep South Wolfpack wins tournament

The Deep South Futbol Club U-12 Boys, the Division I affiliate of Bay Area Youth Soccer, traveled to Pensacola Nov. 8-9 to participate in the Blue Angel Classic Tournament.

On Saturday, the Wolfpack encountered Eastern Shore Blast out of Daphne, Ala. and battled to a 1-1 tie. Later that morning, they locked horns with Baton Rouge United and also came away with a tie, this time it was 2-2.

With no games left until 3 p.m. the next day, parents and players were able to see either the Blue Angel flight team or the Gulf South Conference Tournament featuring college players.

With two ties under their belt, The Pack was still in the hunt for the tournament championship. Only F. C. Puma, out of Panama City, Fla., stood in their way.

To earn the title they had to win at least 3-0. Up 2-0 at the half, it looked as though they might just pull it off. However, tough defense on the part of F. C. foiled many of their chances. It wasn't until a minute and a half to play that the winning goal went in.

Members of the DSFC U-12 squad include Brooks Breland, Kody Cannon, Nick Cooper,



Soccer Roundup



Tournament champions

Eric Cranford, Steven Dauenhauer, Luca Giardino, Heath Hansell, Jacob Higdon, Jake Johnson, Michael Kivlan, Timmy Kulikowski, Austin Ladner, Josh Lingsch, Sean Olsen, Marshall Ticer and Colin Wilson.

The team is coached by Andy Kivlan.

Bay falls to Long Beach

Long Beach girls 1 Bay High girls 0

The Long Beach Lady Bearcats downed the home standing Bay High School Lady Tigers 1-0 in a shootout Friday night.

The Lady Tigers had apparently scored with just 30 seconds left in regulation, but the goal was disallowed because of an offside penalty.

The two teams battled to a scoreless tie at the end of the

overtime period, which consists of two, 10-minute halves.

In the shootout, Bay High kicked first and scored. The Lady Bearcats tied the game on the ensuing kick.

On their second shot, the Lady Tigers' kick was stopped by the Long Beach goalie. The Lady Bearcats then took the lead on their turn.

The third Lady Tiger shot was wide of the mark, as was

the Long Beach attempt.

On their fourth try, Bay High again missed. When Long Beach connected on their try, the game was over.

The Lady Tigers (1-1) will host Harrison Central Tuesday at 5:30 p.m., followed by the boys contest at 7:30 p.m. The junior varsity boys will travel to Long Beach Monday for a 5:30 p.m. game.

Basketball roundup

Bay High downs Oak Grove

Stevie Lizana scored 16 points and Herman Dunklin added 15 to give Bay High a 58-46 victory over Oak Grove in a District 7-A matchup at the Tigerdome.

The first place Tigers are 3-1 overall, 2-0 in district play. Lizana also grabbed nine rebounds for Bay High.

Girls

Bay High 63, Oak Grove 34

Kirkland starting second decade at Pearl River

After 10 years in the Mississippi Community/Junior College women's basketball league, Pearl River Community College head coach Polly Kirkland has the Lady Wildcat program on a solid foundation.

While her Lady 'Cats have gone through losing campaigns the past two seasons — 11-14 a year ago, 9-18 in 1995-96 — Kirkland is optimistic about the coming season.

The Lady Wildcats return four starters and a crew of five talented freshmen have arrived on the Poplarville campus. The ingredients are in place for success.

Expectations were high entering 1996-97, but the early-season loss of 6-1 standout forward Shantell Key quickly made the Lady Wildcats' season an uphill climb. Key fell victim to a season-ending knee injury in the first game of the year.

But she kept her team focused and led them to a Region 23 Tournament berth at Mississippi College in Clinton for the fourth time in five years.

Returning forward Datisheila Byrd — known as "Punkin" — was moved to the post position following Key's injury and wound up the Lady

Wildcats' favorite offensive and defensive weapon.

Byrd led the Lady Wildcats in scoring last season averaging 22 points and 8.6 rebounds per game, while hitting an impressive 50.2 percent from two-point range. She earned third team All-American status nationally and capped All-Region 23, All-Region 23 Tournament, and All-State recognition.

Byrd's personal bests in 1996-97 was a 35-point effort against Delgado in February and 30 points against Holmes in January. She never scored less than 22 points in any of the final eight games of the season.

Other returning starters include 5-7 point guard Collette Sibley, 5-8 guard Leigh Slocum and 5-10 forward April Wilson.

The Lady Wildcat program is steeped in a winning tradition since Kirkland took over the reins in the 1987-88 season. Her 1993-94 and 1994-95 squads combined for a 52-13 record, including a perfect home mark within the friendly confines of M. R. White Coliseum. She guided the Lady 'Cats to the college's first women's state and Region 23 championship over that two-year span.

Hancock 61, D'Iberville 45 — Jessica Pucheu scored 21 points and dished out nine assists in a nondistrict game at Hancock.

Mindy Ladner added 19 points and 10 rebounds for the Hawks, 3-2.

Hancock's boys and girls teams play host to Poplarville on Monday and Picayune on Tuesday.

Long Beach 61, OLA 31 — Jessica Kellar scored 15 points in a losing effort for the Crescents.

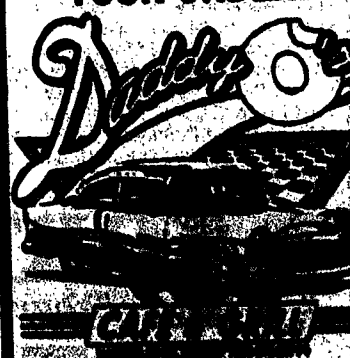
St. Stanislaus — The Rocks host St. Martin on Monday and Gulfport on Tuesday in two nondistrict games. The varsity games are scheduled for 7:30 p.m.

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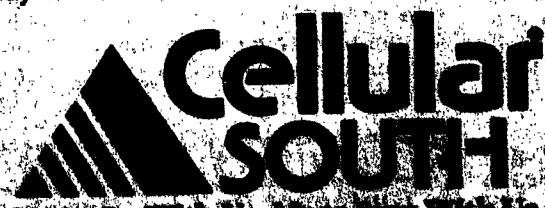
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Money funds are like cash parking lots

While you're busy working toward a financially secure future, building up a long-term portfolio that includes growth and income investments, don't forget one thing: cash. You still need cash reserves — not only to pay for big expenses, but also to help you avoid dipping into your long-term investments if an emergency arises.

One of the best places to keep your cash reserves is in a money market mutual fund — and evidently, more people are discovering this. Last year, assets of money market funds increased almost 20 percent, to \$901.8 billion. Money market assets represented 26 percent of total mutual fund assets, exceeding the 25 percent representation of bond and income funds. (Stock funds still lead, with 49 percent of total mutual fund assets.)

Money market funds pay a steady income that is relatively high compared to bank accounts, CDs and other vehicles offering immediate liquidity. Money market funds are not insured by the FDIC; the principal of the underlying assets is backed by the mutual fund company.

How much better is the income on a money market fund than that of other savings

vehicles? The June 1997 issue of *Ticker*, a professional financial publication, compared a hypothetical \$50,000 investment earning 2.6 percent annually in a bank money market account to a money market fund paying 4.75 percent. Allowing the two investments to compound monthly over 10 years, the bank deposit was worth \$64,969, but the money market fund grew to \$80,643.

Most, if not all, money market funds charge no commissions for buying or selling. They offer check-writing privileges, telephone redemption and instant access — all with no commission.

Following are a few pointers on using money market funds:

1. Use money market

mutual funds for emergency cash. Most investors want some cash readily available for the unexpected. How much depends on your comfort level and the amount of your expenses. Most professionals say you should have at least three to six months' worth of living expenses in a liquid account.

This could vary according to the liquidity of other assets. A family with \$100,000 in mutual funds, which are easily sold, may be comfortable with less cash reserves than a family with real estate, which typically takes longer to turn into cash.

2. Use tax-exempt or tax-able money market funds depending on your tax bracket. Money market funds that are free of federal income tax, and

often state taxes, have lower interest rates than taxable funds — but for someone in a high tax bracket (usually 31 percent or higher), this tax-free income could actually give you more than you would net on a taxable money market fund.

3. Don't use a money market fund as your primary investment. Historically, money market funds have yielded much less than other investments. For your long-term goals, you need something that offers higher income and more potential for growth.

For ready cash, however, money market funds can be an ideal place to park your dollars.

FINANCIAL FOCUS

Submitted by Craig Foster
Edward Jones Co.



Meritrust to merge with Whitney

Whitney Holding Corporation of New Orleans and Meritrust Federal Savings Bank of Thibodaux announced they have entered into a definitive agreement under which Meritrust will merge with the Whitney.

The merger is intended as a tax-free reorganization accounted for as a pooling of interests with a transaction value of \$60.5 million. Shareholders of Meritrust will receive \$73 per share in Whitney common stock, subject to certain pricing collars on the number of Whitney shares to be issued. Consummation of the transaction is subject to approval by Meritrust shareholders, approval from appropriate regulatory agencies, a due diligence review by Whitney and other customary conditions to closing. The merger is expected to be completed during the first half of 1998.

Meritrust, which is listed on Nasdaq (MERI) has assets of approximately \$233 million. It has eight banking locations including facilities in Thibodaux, Houma, Vacherie, Boutte, Galiano, Raceland and Morgan City, La.

Whitney also traded on Nasdaq (WTNY) has over 100 branches throughout southern Louisiana, the coastal region of Mississippi, Mobile, Montgomery and the Alabama Gulf Coast; and the Pensacola area of Florida. The Whitney, which has been in continuous operation since 1883, currently has assets of approximately \$4.2 billion.

William L. Marks, chairman of the board and CEO of Whitney, said, "Meritrust is a fine banking institution. This merger allows us the opportunity to expand our presence in the Acadiana region of Louisiana, an area important to our geographic strategy. We look forward to serving the banking needs of these communities and building on the valued customer relationships that Meritrust has established over the years."

Lee J. Guarisco, vice chairman of Meritrust said, "We are delighted to be joining the Whitney Bank family. For generations, the Whitney has been known in this region for its commitment to personal banking relationships and to the communities it serves. We at Meritrust are excited about being an important part of the Whitney's continued success in the future."

Tournaments help local charities

Casino Magic's charity slot tournament, held last week, raised over \$1,000 to be donated to the casino's annual food drive effort.

Casino Magic has collected dog food for an animal shelter, videos for a children's home and canned soft drinks for a booster club. This month's tournament was the first monetary donation collected from tournament participants.

The spirit of giving continues with a Thanksgiving Hold'em Poker tournament Nov. 27 at 6 p.m. The entry fee is one new toy or \$10 cash. The cash raised

will be used to purchase gift certificates to a local grocery store and the toys will be donated to the casino's toy drive.

Each year the casino remembers families who are less fortunate and fill food gift bags with assorted non-perishable items needed to prepare Thanksgiving dinner. The money raised by the slot tournament will also be used to purchase gift certificates to a local grocery store and be added to the bags.

In 1996, Casino Magic employees filled and delivered over 100 food gift bags to area homes and agencies. Previously, the bags were delivered by the Gulf Coast Community Action Agency and the Salvation Army.

"This year the majority of bags will be delivered to families by our employees," said Catherine Green, community relations manager.

Green, who is organizing the casino's food drive, said each casino employee receives a turkey for Thanksgiving and has the option to donate the turkey to the food drive. Last year employees donated over 75 turkeys.

Next month's charitable slot tournament will go towards the casino's toy fund. The Dec. 15 tournament requires an entry fee of a new children's toy for ages 2-10. For details on the upcoming charitable slot or poker tournaments, call 1-800-5-MAGIC-5.

Department store sale to benefit United Way

McRae's, the Mississippi Gulf Coast's newest department store, will host a United Way of South Mississippi Holiday Benefit Sale.

Windows workshop

The University of Southern Mississippi's Small Business Development Center will offer "Introduction to Windows 97 for Business and Personal Use" Nov. 24-25 at the USM Gulf Coast campus in Long Beach.

The hands-on computer workshop is designed as an introduction for individuals wanting to learn the basics of using Windows 95 at home or in business.

The workshop runs each day from 5:30-8:30 p.m. Both sessions will be held in Lloyd Hall, Room 108, on the Gulf Park campus.

Fee is \$79 in advance. For information or to register, write SBDC, 136 Beach Park Place, Long Beach, MS 39560 or call (228) 865-4578.

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The retail store, in Biloxi's Edgewater Mall, will offer discounts in an after-hours charity event for the local United Way Sunday, Nov. 23 from 6-10 p.m.

For the purchase of a \$5 ticket, shoppers will receive discounts of 25 percent off regular-priced merchandise, 15 percent off sale-priced items and 10 percent off home merchandise.

McRae's will also offer refreshments, complimentary gift wrapping and shipping within the continental United States, and holiday entertainment.

Tickets are available at McRae's and the United Way office, as well as through members of the Edgewater and Gulfport Rotary clubs.

The United Way of South Mississippi was organized in 1992. The Coast-wide organization currently represents over 40 non-profit agencies bringing support and services to area residents in need.

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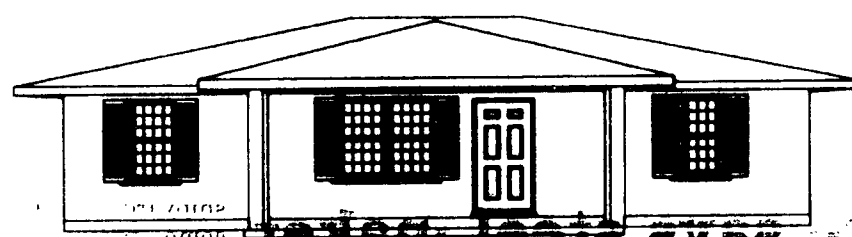
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BUSINESS NEWS

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Certified residential specialists recommend home improvements

What are you resolving to do during the New Year? Shed those unwanted 10 pounds gained during the holidays? Contact old friends from years past? Become more organized? Improve your home?

What? Improve your home? Immediately, thoughts center on saw horses, contractors, surmounting bills and, of course, a shortage of petty cash.

Such an association is not surprising considering that the Census Bureau's American Housing Survey, a questionnaire circulated every two years, determined approximately \$133 billion was spent on remodeling (including additions and alterations as well as replacements and maintenance) during 1994-95. This figure can frighten many homeowners, especially since most popular home improvements can average \$10,000-20,000. As a result, homeowners often tend to overlook small efforts, many of which can be completed without hiring outside contractors.

According to Lorraine Santo, CRS, LTG, making modest — but visually effective — improvements can benefit homeowners while they occupy the residence and later when they decide to sell. These projects may increase the value of the home or shorten the time it stays on the market.

"Most sellers wait too long to analyze improvements and are shocked by the costs," said Santo, a member of the firm Lorraine Santo Realtor, Gulfport and president of the Mississippi chapter of the state's leading agents, those who have

Cracked stairwell railings, dripping faucets, failing locks and other miscellaneous items are easily replaced and can

keep visitors — and potential buyers — from wondering if the items not visible are being neglected, too.

earned the CRS designation through training and demonstration of professional experience.

"Some people end up spending a great deal more money than they expected to, and even worse, still others decide not to bother at all. Either way, they lose money, because they sell the home for less or it does not sell as quickly as homes in move-in condition."

Professional agents with the CRS credential advise homeowners to include these activities among their list of resolutions of the New Year:

Hire A Cleaning Crew:

Before prioritizing your home's 'to do' list, enlist a professional cleaning crew for a once-over. Once clean, certain items like the family room carpet do not have to be replaced. The service might also point out items not noticed by homeowners.

Consider New Wall and Floor Coverings:

Homes take on a whole new look if peeled paint, wall paper and stained or warped floor coverings are replaced. Choose neutral or subtle colors; color can be added with fabric, flowers, paintings, picture frames and other accessories.

Resurface Kitchen Cabinets:

If the kitchen and bathroom cabinets are in good condition, it is considerably less expensive to resurface than to replace them outright. Another option is to simply paint them (use a primer first) or replace the cabinet's hardware.

Replace Fixtures:

But the limited number of barges that could be transported on the Tenn-Tom because of the depth and width of the waterway made a site along with the Mississippi River more attractive, Fordice said.

Nevertheless, Fordice said state economic development officials are continuing to look for industrial prospects for Yellow Creek.

The Yellow Creek facility originally was built in the 1970s to house a nuclear power plant that was later abandoned and then was slated to house an advanced solid rocket motor plant for NASA.

That project also was canceled. About \$3 billion in federal funds have been spent on buildings and infrastructure at the 4,200-acre facility.

The federal government has turned the facility over to the state, which is trying to find industrial prospects for Yellow Creek in extreme northeast Tishomingo County.

Landscape:

Before beginning your spring landscaping, make sure your yard complements the neighbors' grounds. Trees should not overshadow the home. If you have a small yard, consider planting potted flowers near the front door or hanging flower boxes from the windows.

Overhaul Exteriors:

Repair cracked cement driveways and walking paths, replace the rusted mailbox and install new door handles, knockers and street address numbers. Investing in a new steel door with a peep hole can make your family more safe and your home more attractive.

Organize Storage:

Consider installing easy-to-assemble closet organizers in the master bedroom, children's rooms, kitchen pantry, linen closet, garage and attic. When you are ready to sell your home, buyers will appreciate the extra

storage space.

Invest in New Windows: Although the cost is significant, there are two reasons top consider new windows an investment:

1) According to *Remodeling Magazine*, they average 69 percent return on investment (ranging as high as 100 percent recovery in Pittsburgh and Seattle to as little as 45 percent in Des Moines and Boise) and

2) new windows, especially energy efficient triple-paned glass windows, can lower the monthly utility bills by 20-40 percent.

By planning the improvements (which require little routine maintenance) before making arrangements to place the home on the market, you can save yourself time, money and needless anxiety. Who knows? You might even find time in 1998 to read, compose, diet, work, exercise and ring up old pals.

Halter Marine receives \$136 million contract

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Halter Marine Group Inc. has been awarded a \$136 million contract to build two mobile drilling units for a Houston, Texas, firm, the company announced Wednesday.

The units, called jackup drilling rigs, are capable of drilling in water depths to 350 feet.

The mobile rigs will be built for Chiles Offshore LLC of Houston, Texas.

The drilling rigs will be constructed at Halter Marine's shipyard in Pascagoula with some prefabricated components such as legs and beams provided by TDI-Halter's shipyards in Texas.

"Together, these two contracts are the largest ever in Halter's history," said John Dane III, chairman, president and CEO of Halter Marine.

Dane said the contracts demonstrate the viability of the company.

"We will be able to deliver these two rigs in 23 and 26 months respectively," he said.

Halter Marine has 20 shipyards in Texas, Louisiana, Mississippi and Florida. The company specializes in the design, construction, conversion and repair of a wide variety of vessels and mobile offshore rigs and engineered products for commercial, government and military and pleasure boat markets.

Imperial Palace signs SOS Tidelands Lease

Secretary of State Eric Clark announced that the Imperial Palace casino has signed a tidelands lease with his office.

"I'm pleased that we were able to reach an agreement, and that Imperial Palace recognizes it must sign a lease for its casino on the public trust tidelands," Clark said. "This is victory for the people of Mississippi. It is their property."

The \$500,000 lease was signed by Secretary of State Eric Clark as trustee of the public trust tidelands. It has been forwarded to Gov. Kirk Fordice for approval as required by law. Ralph Englestad signed the lease on behalf of the Imperial Palace. The first payment is due next month.

"I have had three goals from the beginning of this dispute," Clark said. "I am determined to see that our laws are enforced, to protect our public lands against trespass, and to make

sure that the people of Mississippi get a fair return on the use of their property. By this agreement, these goals have been accomplished."

In conjunction with the lease, both parties agreed to an order of dismissal which ends the current lawsuit in Harrison County Chancery Court. The Imperial Palace has reserved the right to bring further suit against the state on a limited number of issues.

"I'm hopeful the Imperial Palace matter has been fully and finally resolved," Clark said. "We're ready to move on to other business."

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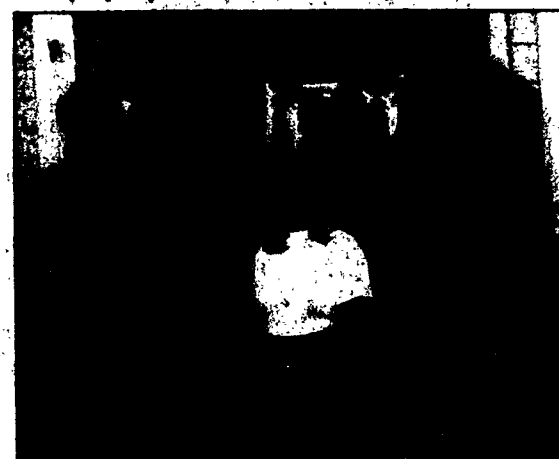
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Fordice says steel maker interested in state site

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Gov. Kirk Fordice says he has met with a company interested in locating a \$600 million steel mill in Mississippi.

"I am not sure at all we can come up with a competitive power price," Fordice said Tuesday.

He declined to identify the company but said Tennessee, Louisiana and Texas also were vying for the unspecified company.

He said if competition were allowed among power companies Mississippi might offer a better price for electricity.

Fordice said the company is interested in locating along the Mississippi River.

He said he tried to convince that prospect and others to consider locating at Yellow Creek in Tishomingo County, where they could use the Tennessee-Tombigbee Waterway instead of the Mississippi River to ship products.

Farm Credit reports third quarter earnings

The Farm Credit Bank of Texas and its affiliated lending associations reported loan volume growth of \$127.4 million for the third quarter of 1997, according to Tenth Farm Credit District financial results released this week.

Total loan volume at the quarter-end was \$4 billion, an increase of 3.5 percent from Dec. 31, 1996.

District net income of \$50.6 million for the period ended Sept. 30, 1997, reflected a decrease of \$3 million from the same period last year. Net income was impacted by a decrease in net interest income resulting from competition in the marketplace.

During the nine-month period ended Sept. 30, 1997, the

mortgage lending portfolio posted a 5.6 percent increase. Generally favorable economic conditions; a stronger agricultural income sector; stable and competitive interest rates; a wider variety of loan products; improved customer service; and an active, growing timber market have all combined to fuel this increase in long-term lending. The production loan portfolio experienced a 3.3 percent decrease in total loans.

"We are very pleased with the financial performance of the district this year," said Farm Credit Bank of Texas CEO Arnold R. Henson. "While net income is slightly lower compared to the same period last year, our district is in excellent financial shape."

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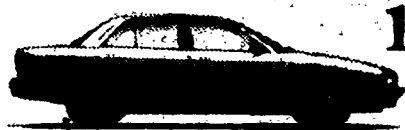
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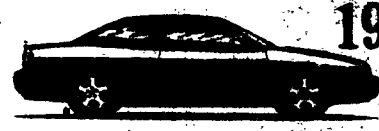
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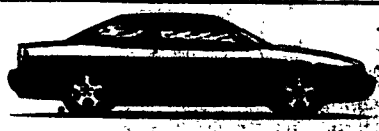
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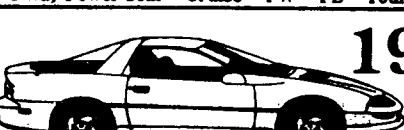
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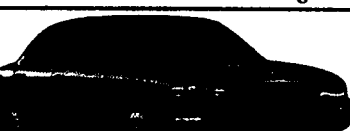
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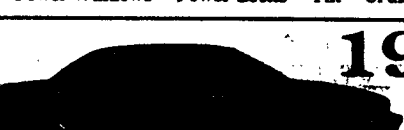
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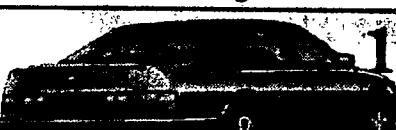
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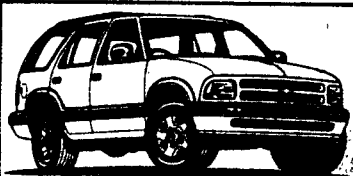
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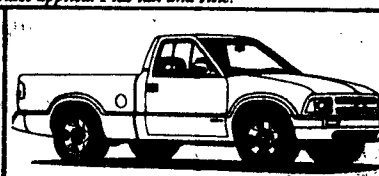
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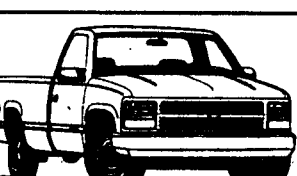
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Wellman's first family settled in

BY ED LEPOMA

Wellman's first family, Pete and Royce Ann Woody, are now snugly ensconced in their Waveland home, and looking forward to the coming holiday season.

The Woodys represent the first in the vanguard of a large number of new residents expected to move into the Bay-Waveland area as the giant Pearl River Wellman plastics/fiber plant takes shape at Port Bienville Industrial Park.

So far, about 40 Wellman employees have settled in the area, choosing to live in one of the two cities, or in Picayne, Diamondhead, Long Beach, Gulfport, and as far away as Moss Point.

The Woodys opted to purchase land at Acadiana Bay, an upscale residential community on the eastern edge of Waveland being developed by contractor Julie Rossen. They selected two lots just behind Rossen's home, which faces the beach, and moved into the 3,500-square foot, two-story Acadiana-River Road-style house last August.

Woody was born in Mobile and grew up in Pensacola. This is the first time in 25 years that the Woodys have lived close to their families.

Moving to their new home in Waveland was a bittersweet time for the Woodys. Two weeks after they settled into the house, Woody's 83-year-old father died. Woody is proud

that his parents celebrated 54 years together. The couple is looking forward to having his mother and sister come in from Pensacola for the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays. Royce Ann's parents are deceased, but she'll have aunts, uncles and cousins in from Mobile.

And, the Woodys two college-age children will be home. Son, Neal, now 21, graduates from the University of South Carolina in Columbia with a major in finance this year. Eighteen-year-old daughter, Lauren, is a freshman at Auburn this year with an aim for a degree in fashion merchandising. She stayed at the new house about a month before she had to report to college, a little more time than Neal had to explore the area.

The Echo visited with Royce Ann Woody at the family residence recently before the man of the house arrived home from work. She is a petite brunette, and is comfortable with her husband as the sole breadwinner, but takes pride in her family and in her church-related work.

The Jack Russell terrier named Odie barked at the guest from the rear porch. Royce Ann said there is a family cat too, a gray-colored mixed breed named Teddy Bear.

"We moved four cars and two animals down with us," she said. "That was a me-



Pete Woody is plant manager of Wellman's Pearl River Plant and oversees construction at the Port Bienville site. (Echo staff photo by Richard Meek)

morable trip."

It seems theirs was a romance destined to be long-lasting. They met and dated at Pensacola High School, at-

tended Auburn University in Alabama together, then decided to marry in 1971 after Woody obtained his degree in chemical engineering.

The Vietnam War was escalating, and Woody was draft-eligible, so decided to enlist in the U.S. Army for a two-year period.

"We were fortunate," said Royce Ann. "The whole time he was stationed as an engineer at Ft. Belvoir, Virginia, outside of Washington, D.C."

With his service obligation behind him, Woody joined what now is Wellman, Inc.—Fiber Industries, in the research and development department at Wellman's plant at Charlotte, N.C.

This is the third house the Woodys have built. Previously, they had homes in Salisbury, N.C. and in Florence, S.C.

"It's the first time in 25 years we lived near our families," said Woody, who has now arrived home and entered the conversation. "We're really enjoying that."

Woody worked himself up through the ranks, and in 1993, was named Wellman's Director of Research and Development. In 1995, Woody was named manager of Wellman's Pearl River Plant, and oversees construction of the giant manufacturing plant on a day-to-day basis.

His is a demanding and highly responsible position, but the Woodys have managed to squeeze in time to become better acquainted with the Bay-Waveland area and nearby environs.

"I'm afraid I'm gaining weight," Royce Ann admits. "There's a lot of good eating around here." Woody, who frequently has to entertain Wellman executives coming here to check progress of the plant adds, "They're always amazed that the food is so good, and is very reasonably priced."

The Woodys love to visit the old downtown area of Bay St. Louis, especially when merchants are open late for Saturday shopping. They experienced the area's Mardi Gras parades last year, and said they particularly enjoyed

the recent Cruisin' the Coast celebration when all the antique cars were out on Main Street, along with food booths and entertainment.

They're not much into gambling, but visit the coast casinos for the food and entertainment, most recently to see Rich Little at the Grand in Biloxi. They've taken side trips to Abita Springs, Covington, Mandeville and New Orleans.

Royce Ann said she hopes to take a ride soon on the Delta Queen, and the couple is looking forward to touring some of the Ante-Bellum homes in Louisiana.

Woody's work requires him to travel back to headquarters in South Carolina about every two weeks, but Royce Ann says there's plenty to keep her busy.

She sometimes travels to Charleston, S.C., where she volunteers as spiritual director for training programs for the Episcopal Diocese of South Carolina. Just recently, she attended an Episcopal seminar and retreat in Fairhope, Alabama. The Woodys attend Christ Episcopal Church in Bay St. Louis.

One of her favorite past-times is beachcombing. "I just love to walk along the beach. It's absolutely gorgeous. It

nurtures the soul," she said. She also had compliments for the hospitality shown to her and her husband from the people they've met so far. "Everybody has been so nice," she said. "I've already gotten to know quite a lot of people and they have been so friendly and helpful."

At home alone, Royce Ann likes to read, preferring fiction, especially mysteries.

She said she hopes to get back into cooking. "My mother was from New Orleans, and I grew up eating gumbo and etouffees," she said. Woody said he manages fine when Royce Ann is away. "I can get by on hamburgers and hot dogs," he admits.

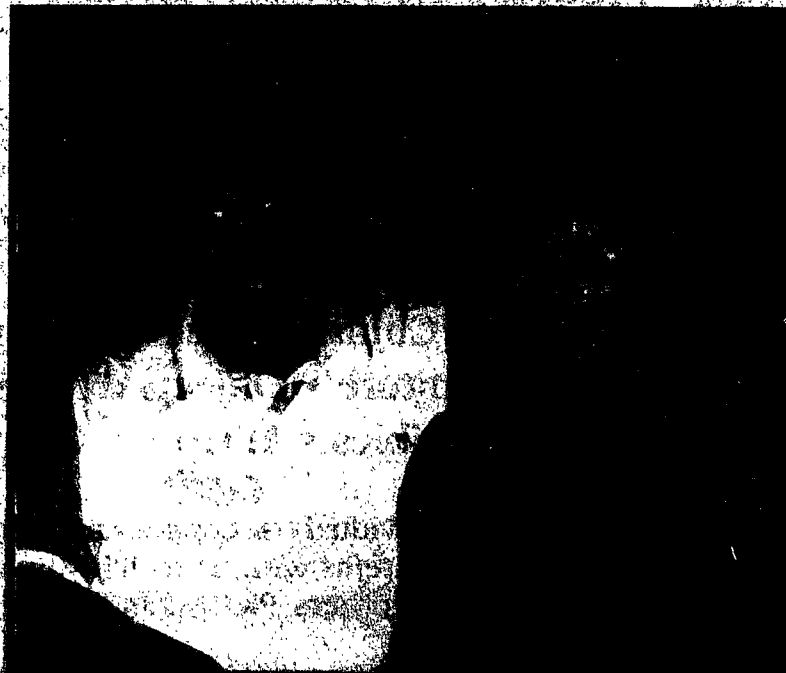
In his spare time, Woody said he enjoys golfing, and has played courses at Diamondhead, Windance in Gulfport, the Broadwater in Biloxi and the Bridges at Casino Magic in Bay St. Louis.

He likes tennis too, and traveling, and he hopes soon to fly to Belize to get in a little scuba diving.

Woody said he fished a lot when he was younger. "I'll probably get into that. Heck, I'll probably buy a boat," he adds.



The giant Wellman plastics/fiber manufacturing plant is coming out of the ground at Port Bienville and will be operational next fall. Over 1,100 construction workers are now on site. (Echo staff photo by Richard Meek)



Pete and Royce Ann Woody have moved into their Waveland home. (Echo staff photo by Ed Lepoma)

Debate continues about mainstreaming disabled

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Public schools are required by law to ensure that disabled children's educational needs are met, no matter how physically or mentally handicapped they are.

"People should always keep in mind that whatever the decision is, the individual needs of each child have to be taken into consideration—and what fits one child does not fit another," said state Board of Education chairwoman Donna Davis.

Davis, a West Point special education teacher, noted that public schools are required to have a plan for each disabled student.

"Each child that receives special services must have an individual educational plan to meet the needs of that particular child," she said. "There is no recipe that children with special needs fit into."

Federal law requires schools districts to place disabled students in the "least restrictive environment." Accommodating these students is a major challenge for all public school systems.

"I won't say it's a burden. It just takes flexibility and adaptability to meet some of the federal standards and

state rules," said Risa Bruner, the Starkville school district's director of student support services.

"Money is very limited for all Mississippi schools and it's just been an extra challenge for us because we don't have a lot of money," Bruner said.

"I can assure you it's a very challenging proposition," said Jean Smith, director of special education in the Tupelo school district.

"You have to do it child by child. That's the only way to do it," she said.

However, Davis, Bruner and Smith say their public school districts are meeting the needs of their profoundly disabled students despite the physical, financial, legal and educational hurdles the schools encounter.

"If you're providing the appropriate services, it's just going to work," Smith said.

However, putting certain disabled students into public schools' special education programs isn't always appropriate, said Jan Harris, director of the McDougal Center, a mental health facility that educates children from seven northeast Mississippi school districts surrounding Tupelo.

"There are some children that do not need to be placed in special education classes within the public school districts. They need a different setting that better meets their educational needs, and that's what we try to provide," Harris said.

The Tupelo-based center is part of the state's mental health system. It serves the school districts within the jurisdiction of the northeast Mississippi mental health region. It currently has 53 students whose disabilities range from having problems paying attention to being profoundly retarded.

"The school districts feel like they need a more structured environment," Harris said.

Added to the dynamics of educating disabled students is the concept of "inclusion." This encourages schools to place disabled students in the regular classroom with other students so they can interact and function better and not be segregated. Inclusion is drawing widespread support throughout the country.

However, there continues to be a national debate about the feasibility and benefits of having the most severely disabled students in a general academic setting.

The dispute is being displayed in the controversy over Mississippi University for Women's plans to close its Center for Special Children.

MUW plans to shut down the center at the end of the current school year and help the Columbus and Lowndes County school districts accommodate the students. CSC has about 15 students currently enrolled after Columbus moved its disabled preschool children to the district's schools.

Parents, politicians and others are urging the state College Board to block this plan.

In arguing for the CSC's closure, MUW President Clyda Rent has pointed to the national movement to place disabled

students in regular schools with other children rather than keeping them separate in special facilities.

Inclusion is also the subject of a pending U.S. Supreme Court case pitting an autistic child against a Virginia school district. School officials there are resisting the parents' desire to have the 12-year-old boy mainstreamed in general classes.

In Mississippi, Davis said, the West Point school district's disabled students were already being mainstreamed in 1991, when she was appointed to the state Board of Education.

"At that time, I was doing inclusion here at the junior high, and there were quite a few districts in Mississippi that were doing it."

"What I do is team with a regular education teacher and I go in with learning-disabled students in a regular classroom that's a combination of regular ed and learning-disabled students and the two teachers in the room," she said.

In many school districts, Davis said, a mainstreamed disabled student has two classroom teachers: a special education teacher and a regular teacher.

However, in some cases, the student has only a regular classroom teacher with a special education teacher acting as an outside aide.

"Different districts do it different ways," she said.

West Point Junior High School, where Davis teaches, has a separate class for profoundly disabled students unable to handle the academics of regular classes.

"They do not go and take academic classes because they cannot. That would be a disservice to those children and that is not the appropriate setting, but they are included in schoolwide functions, lunchroom and things like that—not academic activities," Davis said.

"Some people interpret inclusion to mean that every child is in a regular classroom, and that is actually not always the case."

"Some children with severe handicaps may need to be included by simply eating lunch with the rest of the school or going into P.E. It doesn't mean they have to be in academic classes with the children all the time. It depends on the needs, of course, of each individual child," she said.

The Starkville school district was one of the first in the state to create a program for severely and profoundly retarded students, Bruner said.

The number of children classified as profoundly disabled are usually small in most school systems. The Starkville school district currently has eight, Bruner said.

"There just aren't that many kids that fit that definition," she said.

With the number of profoundly disabled students so small in the Tupelo and Lee County school districts, the two systems have a joint program for these students, Smith said.

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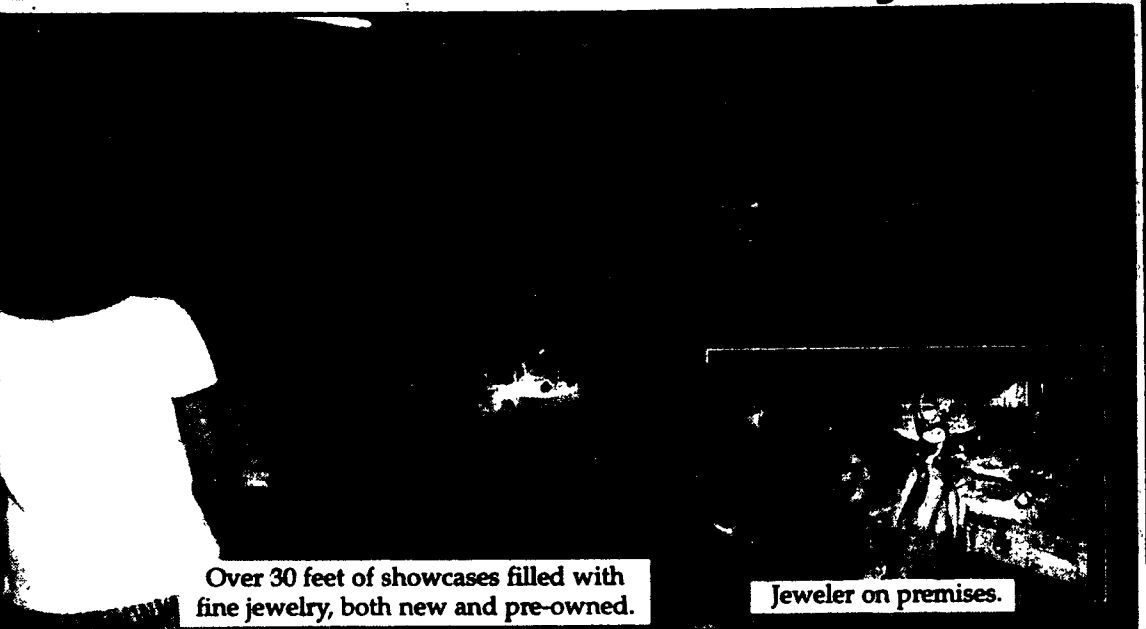
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Firms selected for Stennis Remote Sensing Program

The National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) has selected 11 firms, including one from a Mississippi company, for the planned purchase of Earth science data for the Commercial Remote Sensing Program, which will be headed at Stennis Space Center, U.S. Senator Trent Lott announced.

Stennis Space Center will manage the \$50 million data

purchase as part of its role as NASA's lead center for Commercial Remote Sensing. This program will allow NASA to purchase scientific information gathered by sensors from aircraft or satellites.

Remote sensing provides scientists the ability to look at large areas of the Earth to gather information which will lead to improved efforts to determine the environmental im-

pect of oil and chemical spills, protect the environment, better manage the Earth's natural resources, and study possible global temperature change.

Astrovision Inc. in Hancock County is one of the 11 companies whose offers have been selected for contract negotiations. This begins the first phase of those negotiations, which are expected to take six

months.

"The Commercial Remote Sensing Program will allow NASA to collect necessary data without having to build and launch expensive equipment of its own," Lott said. "I am proud Stennis Space Center will be leading this important effort and that NASA will soon begin making arrangements to collect that data for their scientists."

Stennis holds Verification and Validation workshop

The Commercial Remote Sensing Program (CRSP) Office at NASA's John C. Stennis Space Center held a Verification and Validation workshop recently to lay the groundwork for cooperation within the remote sensing industry.

Some 60 representatives gathered to develop the requirements for a nationwide network of ground truth sites for commercial and government remote sensing satellites.

Ground truthing is necessary to test and verify data acquired by remote sensing satellites and airborne instruments against what is actually occurring on the ground. Part of the ground truthing involves using a special ground verification site, which works like a specialized eye chart, to determine the resolution and accuracy of remote sensing satellites.

Remote sensing uses sensors, either on aircraft or satellites, to observe the surface of the

Earth. The information gathered by these sensors can be used to make accurate maps of the Earth's surface.

"This meeting was designed to put in place a framework, a constant reference point for the new data and products that will be created and used for remote sensing," said David Brannon, manager of the Commercial Remote Sensing Program at Stennis.

Participants attended seminars throughout the two-day workshop and took tours of the space center and the local verification site.

"The goal of the CRSP Verification and Validation Project is to increase the objectivity and value of commercially remote sensed data," said Jeff Jenner, coordinator of the workshop.

"By doing this, we are increasing the utility of the products generated by remote sensing systems to both operational users and scientists."

One emerging commercial application of remote sensing discussed at the workshop was precision farming, which uses various forms of data, such as weather, satellite imagery, Global Positioning System, soil fertility, plant physiology, topography and crop yield.

"The real value to the farmer is that he can adjust seeding rates; plan more precise application of herbicides, pesticides and fertilizers; perform more timely tillage; and know the yield variation with a field," said Dr. Chris Johannsen, director of the Laboratory for Applications of Remote Sensing at Purdue University.

The new crop information can benefit farmers in several ways. Among these are:

- The information gives the farmer several options for increasing yield and/or decreasing costs.
- The imagery gives new and more detailed information about the field.

First phase of Earth science data purchase awards selected

Eleven offers have been selected for contract negotiations in the first phase of NASA's planned purchase of Earth science data and related information products that meet both commercial needs and the agency's scientific requirements.

"This is truly a new way of doing business for NASA," said William Townsend, acting associate administrator for the NASA Office of Mission to Planet Earth, Washington, D.C. "But it's just one step in a longer, multifaceted process of NASA working more aggressively with industry and other non-governmental organizations to advance scientific understanding of our Earth as a total environmental system."

The U.S. Congress approved the plan to initiate the data purchase activity in the fiscal 1997 NASA budget. It will be managed by the NASA Commercial Remote Sensing Program at Stennis Space Center, the agency's lead center for fostering commercial applications of NASA Earth science data and related technology.

A Request For Offers was made by NASA in May 1997 to provide unique Earth science data and related information products for purchase. The purchased information will be used by research teams within NASA's Earth Science Enterprise, which manages the agency's portion of an internationally coordinated research effort to study the Earth's land, oceans, atmosphere, ice and life as a global environmental system.

By purchasing data upon delivery from private industry instead of developing, building

and launching new satellites, NASA may be able to conduct and expand its scientific investigations at a much lower cost, while encouraging the growth of this economic sector, Townsend said.

The first phase of this effort will cover a maximum six-month period to be spent analyzing and validating sample data sets. Those proposals selected to continue to Phase II will receive a letter describing the price, quantity of data and its required characteristics, based on terms and conditions commonly found in the commercial marketplace.

The successful offerors are:

- Earth Satellite Corporation, Rockville, Md., will provide a medium-resolution common global geographic reference database using Landsat Multispectral and Thematic Mapper images.

Jackson and Tull/Woods Hole Oceanographic Institute, Seabrook, Md., will provide high-volume, on-site ocean data using demonstration ocean buoys with interactive telemetry links.

• User Systems/Space Imaging-EOSAT, Gambriels, Md., will process and provide distribution capability for 18 terabytes of Shuttle Imaging Radar data in support of land surface classification research.

• Earthwatch, Longmont, Colo., will provide high-resolution imagery from the Earlybird commercial remote-sensing satellite, over the Upper San Padre Basin, Calif., and Stennis Space Center. Phase II imagery acquisitions will be determined by the Earth science community.

• The University of Wisconsin,

Madison, will provide a complete dataset of upper tropospheric water vapor and cloudiness data using the Visible/Infrared Spin Scan Radiometer Atmospheric Sounder aboard U.S. GOES weather satellites.

• Space Imaging-EOSAT, Thornton, Colo., will provide three-foot (one-meter) resolution panchromatic and 13-foot (four-meter) resolution multispectral imagery. In Phase I it will be simulated; Phase II data will be from the IKONOS satellite constellation that will be launched by the company later this year.

• Final Analysis, Lanham, Md., will provide measurements of atmospheric aerosols and trace gases from the deployment of a planned 12-satellite constellation.

• Positive Systems, Whitefish, Mont., will provide three-foot resolution multispectral imagery over the Seville National Wildlife Refuge, N.M.

TRW Civil & International Systems Division, Redondo Beach, Calif., will provide airborne hyperspectral imagery (384 channels) based over the highly characterized region around Jasper Ridge, Calif.

• Astrovision, Inc., Stennis Space Center, will provide 24-hour imagery from geostationary orbit to provide real-time documentation of public and environmental hazards such as tornadoes, hurricanes, lightning, fires, volcanoes, meteors and floods.

• Resource 21, Englewood, Colo., will provide data for extracting land resources management information from multispectral imagery that could provide continuity with Landsat-7 data.

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Senate to target uninsured children

Senator Jim Bean, chair of the Senate Public Health and Welfare Committee, and Senator Dick Hall, chair of the Senate Appropriations Committee, joined Lt. Governor Ronnie Musgrove outside the Senate Chamber to announce the Senate leadership's support for finding a way to insure children of Mississippi's working families who do not have access to health care insurance.

"Somewhere in our state today, a child will go without a health care he or she needs because going to the doctor is more than this working family can afford. And, somewhere in our state, another child will be taken to the emergency room of a local hospital for treatment of an illness that could have been prevented but the costs of preventative treatment were too

much without insurance for that working family to bear.

"We have an opportunity before us to help both those families and the thousands of others like them across Mississippi.

"Federal legislation has been passed which allows Mississippi to use matching grant money to expand health care insurance access for lower-income uninsured children.

"Senators Bean and Hall are here with me today because they, too, recognize the importance of providing sound health care for Mississippi's children. As part of the Senate leadership, we are committed to finding the funding for Mississippi's children.

"Senator Bean heads the committee which will examine the various program models, gather public input and make a

recommendation to the Senate Body. Senator Hall will be working with the Appropriations Committee on funding for this very important effort.

"Over the course of the upcoming legislative session, we will be working to select a plan that best addresses the needs of the uninsured children of Mississippi's working families without contributing to unnecessary government growth and without duplication of existing services. We believe we can provide access to insurance for these families in a fiscally responsible manner without creating additional bureaucracy.

"Insuring our children insures our state's future. It's the right thing to do for our children and for all of us," Lt. Governor Musgrove said.



Coast swim-a-thon

Coast Episcopal Upper School students in Rev. Kyle Bennett's religion class had a swim-a-thon Oct. 11 to benefit Save Our Children, a national foundation that provides daycare and tutors for at-risk children. The students solicited pledges from local businesses as well as from school families. The students, Rev. Bennett and Mark Lesniowski, a Coast Episcopal teacher, swam two miles across Bay St. Louis starting at the foot of the Bay bridge in Pass Christian. It took them from 1 to 1½ hours to complete the swim. Pictured are Mara Saccoccia, Mark Lesniowski, Chris Dauterive, Beau Saccoccia and Rev. Kyle Bennett.



Scouts helping Hope Haven

On Sunday, Nov. 9, Diamondhead Cub Scout Pack 20 held an Aluminum Can Cleaning/Crushing Day in Diamondhead. Scouts brought aluminum cans to be cleaned and crushed for recycling. All funds received will be used to purchase memberships to Hope Haven in Hancock County. Hope Haven is a center for abused and neglected children which operates without being fully funded by the local government. Diamondhead Cub Scouts will be collecting cans through Tuesday, Nov. 25. Anyone interested in donating their empty aluminum cans to benefit Hope Haven can contact Diamondhead Cub Scout leader Rick Swanson at 255-1885.

Hancock School District hires coordinator

Hancock County Superintendent of Education Terry Randolph and the Hancock County Board of Education recently approved the employment of Tammy Ehrlich as public relations coordinator/grant writer for the Hancock County School District. Ehrlich, a native and resident of Hancock County, began her new position Nov. 10. Ehrlich will be responsible for developing outreach materials, writing proposals and

handling a wide variety of other duties to assist the district in providing each student with the best possible education.

She said, "I am excited about preparing grants and looking forward to communicating information to the public about the various schools and programs which make up the Hancock County School District."

She received a bachelor of science degree in 1994 from the University of Southern Missis-

sipi and is presently working toward a master of science in public relations at USM Gulf Coast.

Ehrlich was previously employed as an information services specialist/writer with Johnson Controls World Services Inc. at Stennis Space Center.

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1958 Junior Auxiliary

Members of the Clement R. Bontemps Junior American Legion Auxiliary Unit 139 included, from left, Melva Lee Luke, Dorothy Estapa, Dianne Carver, Jeannie Rutherford, Suzette Brown, Linda

Luxich, Geraldine Kidd, Sandra Miller, Edna Bourgeois, Janice Beal, Ja Ann Curet, Michael Reinike, Lyndoll Schindler, Patsy Elliott, Charlette Price and Rebecca Stevens.

American Legion
Unit 139 40 years ago

The year was 1958, and the Clement R. Bontemps American Legion Auxiliary Unit 139 was 10 years old. The unit had experienced growth in membership and programs during those 10 years.

Elected to lead the unit during the 1957-58 year were Mrs. Albert Biehl Sr., president; Mrs. Henry Prevou, first vice president; Mrs. Lucas Pucheu, second vice president; Mrs. Gilbert Gayout, secretary; Mrs. C. J. Piazza, treasurer; Mrs. Claiborn Ladner, historian; Mrs. Rene Bermond, chaplain; Mrs. Roger Reinike, sergeant-at-arms; and Mrs. John Rutherford and Mrs. Dan Zeigler, color bearers.

Do you remember some of the events that took place that year?

Agnes Bourgeois was crowned the unit's first Poppy Queen Sept. 19, 1957. Sandra Miller, Janice Beal and Geraldine Kidd were princesses in the court.

A Library Story Hour was held at the Legion Home for 32 children. A song fest was part of the activities. Among the songs they sang were "Mary had a Little Lamb," "Baa Baa Black Sheep," "Little Boy Blue," and many others. Frank Lagarde, Dottie Estapa and Don Estapa were presented gifts for perfect attendance at the story hour, which was held each Friday morning during the summer. They each had 10 hours.

The American Legion Christmas tree party was held Dec. 24, 1957. Santa arrived by plane and the children of the community were treated to a free movie complete with popcorn courtesy of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph

Scafide, owners of the Star Theater. After the movie, Santa's Legionnaires and Auxiliary helpers handed out gifts to all the children of the community.

Five local girls were selected to attend Girl's State in 1958. They were Catherine Alliston, Gwen Heitzmann, Celeste Chevis, Mary Henderson and Jacqueline Koenan. The Girl's State program was held at Belhaven College in Jackson.

The Harvest Ball was held Oct. 5, 1957 with proceeds to the VA Gift Shop program. Mildred Piazza was queen, and John Rutherford was king. Maids in the royal court were Mrs. Henry Prevou, Mrs. Russell Elliott, Mrs. Roger Reinike, Mrs. Curtis Ladner and Mrs. Rene Bermond. Dukes were John Weather, Buddy Hava, Russell Elliott, Harold Saucier and J. Straughan.

On the occasion of the 10th anniversary, 12 members were recognized for 10 years of continuous membership. They were Mrs. W.D. Bourgeois, Mrs. Russell Elliott, Mrs. Joseph Kern, Mrs. C. C. McDonald Sr., Mrs. Joseph Noto, Mrs. Ed Ortte, Mrs. Gordon Romanoff, Mrs. John Rutherford Jr., Mrs. J. R. Scharff, Mrs. Theo Tudury, Miss Frances Faucetta and Mrs. Ed Murtagh.

Four of these members will be honored at the 50th anniversary of Unit 139 to be held Jan. 16 at the Post Home. They are Mrs. Russell Elliott, Mrs. Gordon Romanoff, Mrs. Ed Ortte, and Mrs. Ed Murtagh. Each has 50 years of continuous membership in Unit 139.

Anyone with pictures or information about the history of the unit is urged to contact Phyllis Moran at 466-0480.

American Legion
Junior Auxiliary 139

On Nov. 18 the American Legion Junior Auxiliary had its monthly meeting. Guest speaker was John Luther of the Hancock County Sheriff's Department.

The group also made Christmas cards to be given to the veterans Nov. 30.

The next meeting will be Dec. 30 at 6:30 p.m. All members are encouraged to attend.

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TOPS WAVELAND 233

TOPS MS 233 Waveland met Tuesday, Nov. 11 at the Waveland Public Library. Karen N. was the week's best loser with 1 1/2 pounds. The meeting was led by Debbie. Robin was elected treasurer.

Charms were presented to Rose and Karen N. for perfect attendance for the quarter. The program was presented by Linda on planning activities for the holidays.

Exercising will be during the weight-in time for anyone who would like to join in.

TOPS MS 233 meets every Tuesday at the Waveland Public Library. Weigh-ins are from 5-5:45 p.m. with the meeting following.

Anyone interested in losing weight the sensible way and maintaining that weight loss is welcome to visit the TOPS chapter. Interested persons are invited to call Debbie at 467-0784 for information.

Take Off
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TOPS WAVELAND 307

TOPS MS Chapter 307-Waveland met Wednesday, Nov. 12 at the Waveland Public Library. This was an organizational meeting. Carolyn Kinabrew, area coordinator, came to help the chapter get started. There were 14 members present and officers were elected, including Ruth, leader; Charlene, co-leader; Desarae, treasurer; and Deidre, secretary. Weight recorder is Rhonda, and assistant weight recorder is Nelly. New member Dee was welcomed.

Also, the chapter met Wednesday, Nov. 19 at the library. Rhonda was the week's best loser with 7 1/2 pounds. The chapter's total loss of the week was 35 1/2 pounds.

There were 16 members present. New member Sharon was welcomed. Jenny presented the program, and a new eight-week contest was started. Dee won the Incentive Award.

The chapter meets every Wednesday at the Waveland Public Library. Weigh-ins are from 4:45-5:30 p.m. with the meeting following.

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Hancock Women's Club

The Fun Day schedule for October 29 at Buccaneer Park was enjoyed by all in attendance. It was a day of good times with a delicious assortment of food prepared by members.

The November luncheon meeting was held at Pass Christian Yacht Club. Fifty-one ladies were present, including guests.

Get-well cards were sent to Georgia Williams and Carmella Boyd. Notes of condolence were mailed to Joyce Keenan upon the loss of her mother and to Nathalie Miller for the passing of her sister.

Birthday corsages were presented to Theresa Bourgeois, Lois Cripple, Mary Fischer, Amelia Killeen, Rosemary Kirchem, Gloria Norton, Margaret Thomas, Ann Whitworth and Alice Winchester.

The main feature of the meeting was the fall auction, conducted by Jackie Magee, auctioneer. Many items were presented, and the auction was a tremendous success, thanks to members and friends, and to Jackie Magee for all her work.

Food donations for this month were delivered to St. Vincent de Paul Society.

The December Christmas luncheon will be held at the Waveland Holiday Inn on Thursday, Dec. 11 at 10:30 a.m. The Christmas raffle will take place, and all tickets must be turned in for the raffle. Additionally, members are asked to bring a Christ-

mas gift for Toys for Tots.

Announcement was made that there will be no game days for the months of November and December due to the holidays.

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What could be the good purposes for the presence of evil in the world? For one thing, we learn best by way of contrast. We know the nature of the good by seeing that which is evil. From the biblical perspective, the presence of evil substantiates the reality of sin. Sin, violation of God's standards for living, results in death. Disease is incipient death. In addition, the presence of evil undergirds the idea of the demonic in the Bible.

Community health programs

Slidell Memorial Hospital is offering the following health-care seminars and screenings:

Cholesterol Update: Diet or Drugs?

Dec. 5, noon, free, in SMH Women's Resource Suite. Join Carlos Nine, MD, with SMH Primary Care Services, to learn what really works to help protect you from heart disease and the best way to lower your cholesterol. He'll tell you what the numbers mean and who should be tested. To register, call 646-0044.

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Label Logic Supermarket Tour

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sons conducted by Sheree Parker-Ruffino, SMH registered dietitian. Bring a calculator and wear comfortable shoes. This popular and educational tour lasts 1 1/2-2 hours. Call 646-0044 to register and for details.

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Serving it up

The faculty and staff of St. Clare School in Waveland tool over the counters at Dairy Queen on a recent weeknight as part of a school fundraiser. Faculty members, including fourth grade teacher Dorothy Drackett shown above, were busy doing everything from taking orders to whipping up blizzards. Principal Harriet Bellone made the rounds on the clean-up crew armed with spray bottle and rag. Judging from the happy faces slurping up ice-cream, the servers did a great job.

Thanksgiving Day celebration

Gulfside Assembly will be hosting another Thanksgiving Day Celebration on Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, Nov. 27.

The message will be brought by the Rev. Darlene Moore-James, pastor of Hartzell Mount-Zion United Methodist Church of Slidell. She is a native of Mandeville.

She is a graduate of Dillard University and of Gammon Theological Seminary of Atlanta, Ga. In 1997, Pastor James was an alumni recipient of the "Women Who Have Made

a Difference" award, presented by Dr. Samuel Dubois Cook. She currently serves on the Conference Board of Ordained Ministry, Conference 1998 Youth Think Tank Design Team, Design Team for the Ordering of Elders, Northshore District Chairperson of Church and Society, board member of Peoples Community Center and also St. Tammany Ministerial Alliance.

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Hough memorial fund established

A memorial fund for Marshall and Studie Hough has been established by The Library Foundation of Hancock County, according to Anita D. Lamb, foundation president.

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Thank the Good Lord

The presence of evil therefore highlights God's grace, mercy and love. It is good to see, understand and experience God's loving forgiveness through Christ. It is good to experience the grace of God turning our hearts from evil to good. It will be good to eternally celebrate the grace of God in heaven for overturning evil and manifesting His love and mercy. Truly, the Lord is good.

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When I was a child, a religious teacher of mine asked the students to name some Christian holidays. Christmas and Easter were immediately mentioned. When asked if there were any others, I stated Thanksgiving. Although the teacher politely told me that Thanksgiving was not a Christian holiday, it is a day that is set aside each year to thank God for all His many blessings. When we have received something from someone else it is only common courtesy to thank them. Likewise, thanking God for His many blessings should be a regular part of our daily prayer life. In the Bible, when Jesus cured the ten lepers, only one came back to thank Him. Perhaps, the nine who did not return to thank Jesus are a reflection of how often we fail to recognize God's many blessings in our lives. The important thing to know is that we can never Thank God enough.



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Quality of education has declined

The quality of higher education in the United States has significantly declined since the 1950s, speakers agreed recently at the University of Southern Mississippi forum.

The physical plan of universities has improved—such as libraries, dining facilities and computer and telephone access,” said Dr. Frank Glamser, USM professor of anthropology

and sociology, “but our universities are turning out a lower percentage of educated people.” Glamser, who has taught at USM for 17 years, said this lower standard of education is partially due to larger class sizes, less reading and writing, less abstract analysis and grade inflation.

“Students are graduating from college without learning to read, write papers and without

learning other necessary skills,” said Dr. Bill Taylor, USM criminal justice professor.

The U.S. has transformed higher education into a money-making enterprise, Taylor said.

“Lower admission standards are justified by social justices,” said Taylor, who came to USM in 1973. “But the lower standards are really set up so that universities can make more money.”

“I don’t think students appreciate their college degrees,” said Linn Montjoy, a senior social work major attending the forum.

“Most students just want a degree so they can get a job,” said David Johnson, a USM Honors College student. “And they will take the easiest route through education that they can.”

As the level of interest and intelligence lowers in the classroom, so does the quality of education, Taylor said.

The Tuesday Noon Forum, which meets in Room H of USM’s Student Union, is a weekly series of forums providing an opportunity for students to interact with faculty, staff and citizens of Hattiesburg for their intellectual and spiritual enrichment.

Forums are sponsored by USM’s Wesley Student Center, Catholic Student Association, Lutheran Student Fellowship and Episcopal Canterbury Fellowship.

State schools prepare for change

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All Mississippi school systems are now preparing to implement major changes made recently to the federal law governing the education of disabled students.

The Individuals with Disabilities Education Act’s new statutes are now being put into the final regulatory form. The new regulations will come in January.

“There will be a lot of changes and we’ll need a lot of guidance from the state Department of Education on how to deal with that,” said Risa Bruner, Starkville School District’s director of student support services.

State Board of Education chairwoman Donna Davis of West Point, said the federal changes shouldn’t result in a significant movement of handicapped students in fulfilling the mandates.

“If the district is meeting the needs of the child, there should not be that much of a shift in where the children are currently placed,” she said. “If the district is placing the child in the appropriate setting, the new law should not have caused a change in that, in my opinion.”

But, Davis said, there would be more services required, such as more counseling, handicapped-physical education, interpreters for deaf students and procedures to ensure the continued education of disabled students expelled for disciplinary problems.

The Department of Education is asking the state Legislature for an additional \$3.4 million next year to pay for implementing the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act’s new requirements.

The legislation is another example of the Congress imposing mandates on states without providing adequate funds, said state House Appropriations Committee chairman Charlie Capps, D-Cleveland.

“I don’t think we ought to let this happen without protesting,” Capps said.

Mississippi University for Women president Clyda Rent has said the university faces difficulties in complying with the stronger federal mandates requiring more services for disabled students. However, critics of the plan question Rent’s arguments that the MUW Center for Special Children’s pupils are better suited in local schools.

The state College Board staff is currently reviewing MUW’s plan to close the center. However, the board rarely overrules such decisions by university presidents.

Among those opposing the center’s closing is Secretary of State Eric Clark. Clark has

urged the College Board to consider whether closing the Center for Special Children is the best way to help its students.

Rent has said that the “appropriate mainstreaming” of about 80 former CSC students into the local schools already has reduced the center’s enrollment and, consequently, its funding and justification.

Rent has contended the children would be “best served in programs under the direct care of persons who have the immediate and ultimate responsibility for their education and have a legitimate standing and direct link to getting what is needed.”



Fall hayride

Main Street United Methodist Church in Bay St. Louis held its second annual Fall Harvest Hayride Nov. 1. Young and not-so-young members and friends of the church were invited to ride on an old-fashioned hayride through downtown Bay St. Louis. Following the first part of the hayride everyone enjoyed grilled hot dogs, hamburgers and fellowship in the church’s multi-purpose building. This was followed by another hayride to the beach in Bay St. Louis, where everyone was treated to an evening bonfire.

Navy, USM, MSU, Wis. partners launch nationwide marine education effort

Representatives of the U.S. Navy, two Mississippi universities and a Wisconsin college announced a \$2.1 million marine education partnership Nov. 13 at the J. L. Scott Marine Education Center & Aquarium in Biloxi.

The partnership will equip teachers to introduce more than five million school children nationwide to research related to oceanography and coastal processes. Members of the new partnership, the Consortium for Oceanographic Activities for Students and Teachers (COAST) are the University of Southern Mississippi, Mississippi State University and St. Norbert College of De Pere, Wis.

The \$2.1 million competitive award is from the National Ocean Partnership Program through the Office of Naval Research Total funding for the COAST program is \$2,832,000.

With particular emphasis on minority teachers and teachers of predominantly minority students, the program is open to teachers of kindergarten through 12th grade in coastal states, Great Lakes states and U.S. territories.

“COAST will equip these teachers—here on the Coast and throughout the nation—to lead their students to a better understanding of how oceans and related new technologies affect their lives,” Dr. Karen M. Yarbrough, USM vice president for academic affairs and research, said. Dr. Yarbrough made the announcement and introduced principal investigator Dr. Sharon H. Walker, administrator of the marine education center, and associate principal investigators Dr. R. Dan Brook of MSU’s Center for Education and Training Technology and Dr. Mark H. Bockenhauer of St. Norbert College’s Department of Geography. The marine education center is part of the Gulf Coast Research Laboratory and USM’s Institute of Marine Sciences.

Walker said that COAST will provide teachers with a range of at-sea experiences, hands-on training in marine science and emerging technologies, and the development of teaching materials. Rear Adm. Kenneth Barbor, commander of the Naval Meteorology and Oceanography Command at Stennis Space Center, said the Navy will be providing oceanographic data, expertise and experiences on oceanographic survey ships to COAST participants.

He emphasized that tomorrow’s ocean scientists and engineers vital to the Navy are in classrooms today. COAST programs capture the interest of young people with hands-on science education that sends the

message that “science is fun, science is relevant, science is for everyone.”

“The concept of preparing teachers to educate other teachers works,” Walker said. More than 400 elementary and middle school teachers have participated in Operation Pathfinder, one of the COAST programs, in the past four years. Each teacher is now in the process of preparing at least 25 additional teachers to reach students with marine science concepts and hands-on experiences. Those students will number in the millions over a five-year period.

First piloted at the center in 1993 in cooperation with the Office of the Oceanographer of the Navy, the National Sea Grant College Program, the National Marine Educators Association, Gulf Coast Research Laboratory and the Mississippi-Alabama Sea Grant Consortium, the Pathfinder program has expanded to include teachers of predominantly minority students grew through additional partnerships with the Office of Naval Research, the Naval Research Laboratory, Naval Meteorology and Oceanography Command, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration and the U.S. Department of Interior. It is now a nationally recognized program with six regional institutes and development of teaching materials conducted through state and regional Sea Grant college programs.

COAST expands Operation Pathfinder to reach 360 teachers in two years. COAST also builds on Pathfinder and other Navy relationships through the Ocean Voyagers program at St. Norbert College and STARBORD at MSU.

Ocean Voyagers and STARBORD components broaden the educational program to include new computer technology and additional at-sea experiences.

Ocean Voyagers is a training system for middle school teachers and for undergraduates who plan to be teachers. The program integrates the development of teaching materials, World Wide Web pages and teachers-to-sea experiences aboard U.S. Navy oceanographic survey ships.

St. Norbert College held a shakedown cruise academy last summer to introduce teachers

to the Ocean Voyagers integrated oceanographic curriculum that will emphasize Navy resources.

Ocean Voyagers will also place teachers aboard naval oceanographic survey ships during the school year. They will share their experiences with students and teachers worldwide through the program’s integrated World Wide Web site.

At MSU, STARBORD (Stimulating Teachers About Resources for Broad Oceanographic Research Delivery) will train teacher-student research teams in the technology for using scientific computation. They will learn how to translate unclassified oceanographic data from the Navy into three-dimensional images useful in ocean science research.

MSU’s National Science Foundation Engineering Research Center has developed ocean modeling software in partnership with the Naval Oceanographic Office for five years.

STARBORD expands to high school teachers and students the Navy’s effort to make supercomputing technology and unclassified data bases available to Mississippi college and university researchers.

Walker estimated that the COAST teachers have the potential to reach more than 270,000 students and 7,200 or more additional teachers in five years.

Pearson honored

Waveland artist Joseph Anthony Pearson had one of his paintings from his “Bodyparts” series selected for show in a national competition sponsored by Gallery 84, Inc., a New York City gallery. Having a piece chosen in competition in New York speaks highly of the professional quality of Pearson’s work. (Pearson is one of 39 artists chosen out of 485 entrants).

Pearson, who trained in New York City at the Art Students League on West 57th street said, “This is the absolute high point in my career as a professional artist. I dreamed of one day showing in New York.”

The show opens Dec. 9 and will hang until Dec. 31.

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Bellingrath Gardens feature 'Magic Christmas in Lights'

Beginning Nov. 28 and running through Dec. 31, Bellingrath Gardens & Home celebrates the second annual Magic Christmas in Lights.

For 34 consecutive nights Bellingrath's 65 acres will come to life with millions of lights, festive displays, holiday music and great food.

Highlights include the Fontanini Nativity, the Cajun Christmas Bayou Boardwalk, the Nutcracker Garden, Santa's Workshop and many others. Evening tours of the Bellingrath Museum Home are also available.

To provide the holiday sounds for this family event, area choirs will be performing throughout the gardens. Concessions will satisfy the yuletide munchies or a complete holiday meal can be found in the Bellingrath Cafe.

The Bellingrath Gift Shop will remain open to offer the perfect holiday gift. With items from Fontanini and Boehm to casual items such as t-shirts and coffee mugs, something for

everyone on your shopping list.

The pride in this event comes from more than just providing a fun holiday activity for the community, it comes also from the fact that this event is a home-made project.

The Bellingrath staff has de-

signed and created each piece of holiday magic. From simple chalk drawings on a concrete floor, towering toy soldiers have been born. Each light is carefully attached by hand to create a truly amazing image.

Christmas.... New Orleans style

Imagine the French Quarter ablaze with Christmas lights, parades every day, gospel and Christmas music every night, a living history pageant of fully costumed characters performing for visitors, and the most delicious food in the world.

It's all happening in New Orleans from Dec. 12-28, along with all the fun and excitement you will always find in the city where jazz was born.

Twice each day a brass band will gather and Papa Noel, the charming rogue who is the New Orleans version of Santa Claus, will lead a merry group of marchers in a walking parade (in New Orleans we call it a second-line, for the line of followers waving handkerchiefs and parasols who trail behind the band).

Marching with them will be figures from New Orleans history, and giant puppet figures of New Orleans musicians (the Giants of Jazz). Visitors are encouraged to abandon their role as spectators and join in — because in New Orleans you are always invited to come join the parade.

Nightly concerts in famous St. Louis Cathedral in Jackson Square will feature gospel groups and church choirs. There will also be music daily in hotels throughout the city.

All the special festivities of the season will be combined with the kind of fun that is always easy to find in New Or-

leans — street musicians, jugglers, mimes, amazingly creative tap dancers, and vendors selling hot dogs and ice cream.

Reveillon dinners will be offered by dozens of restaurants, including many of the city's most famous. The term Reveillon is French for "awakening," and refers to the great midnight feasts on Christmas Eve in the Creole tradition.

There will be a ceremonial lighting of the menorah for Hanukkah, and special activities for Kwanzaa as well as a wide range of other holiday offerings.

The festivities will culminate with a special concert on Christmas evening at 7 p.m. in Le Petit Theatre (next to Jackson Square), the country's oldest continuously operating theatre.

A special brochure describing the celebration is being prepared. You may reserve a free copy by calling 1-800-474-7621. We will also send you a free copy of the "New Orleans Good Times Guide" complete with a lodging guide and \$2,500 in discounts on shopping, dining, attractions, and more. Information is also available on the city's tourism web site at <http://www.neworleansonline.com> (where visitors can actually book a hotel room for their visit).

For information, contact Bonnie Warren at 504-394-8879; fax 504-393-9117 or Brenda Thornton, 504-948-3006.

Dinosaur exhibit to close

Dinosaurs will become extinct at the Jackson Zoo sooner than you think! The Zoorassic Park exhibit will be closed Nov. 30. The nine prehistoric creatures visiting the zoo since Sept. 27 have given over 53,000 visitors an insight into the life and atmosphere of the Mesozoic Era.

The extinction of dinosaurs is well known, and zoo officials fear that other endangered species may one day be included in exhibits of the same extinct nature as Zoorassic Park.

Throughout the remaining

week of the exhibit, the public is encouraged to experience first hand what this exhibit is all about — see the roaring, moving, robotic dinosaurs, take part in the many fun, interactive exercises inside the exhibit and visit the zoo's own collection of endangered animals.

Admission is \$2.50 per person in addition to regular zoo admission, which is \$4 for adults, \$2 for children 3-12 years of age and senior citizens; children 2 and under are free. Friends of the Zoo receive free zoo admission.

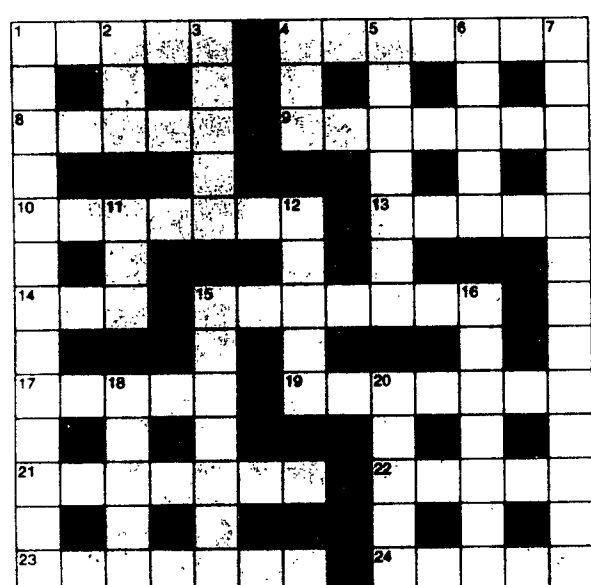
Collectors show set for November 28-30

Holiday Inn (Coliseum) at 2400 Beach Blvd., Biloxi, will host a collectors show Nov. 28-30. Show hours are 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Friday and Saturday, and 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Sunday. Admission is free, and ample free parking is available.

Several dozen dealers from all over the South will offer a wide variety of collectibles, including stamps, covers, stamp collecting supplies, coins, cur-

rency, numismatic supplies, casino collectibles, comics, pogs, NASCAR collectibles, sports and other collectible cards and sports memorabilia.

Collectors of all levels of expertise as well as interested non-collectors are invited to buy, sell, trade or just browse among the thousands of items on display. Many dealers will offer free verbal appraisals of collectibles.



CLUES ACROSS

1. Santa carries these
4. Collection
8. Forest god
9. Coal or iron
10. Small lumps
13. Thirteenth largest state in the United States
14. Priest's vestment
15. Partial motor paralysis
17. Pulsate
19. Assorted
21. Escape
22. Kind of terrace
23. Gardener
24. Inclines

CLUES DOWN

1. Suffrage activist
2. Feline
3. Coal formation
4. Getaway
5. Robbers
6. Heart chambers
7. Cowards, slang
11. Name
12. Frocks
15. Intellectual nourishment
16. Formerly Dutch Guiana
18. Helicopter part
20. Heroism

SOLUTIONS ACROSS

1. Sacks
4. Library
8. Satyr
9. Minerals
10. Nodules
13. Idaho
14. Alb
15. Panes
17. Throb
19. Several
21. Outflow
22. Lanes
23. Yardman
24. Ramps

SOLUTIONS DOWN

1. Susan B. Anthony
2. Cat
3. Scral
4. Larn
5. Bandits
6. Abria
7. Yellowbellies
11. Dub
12. Saris
15. Pabulum
16. Surinam
18. Rotor
20. Valor

Symphony Guild sponsors holiday homes tour

The Gulf Coast Symphony Guild opens the holiday season with its "Christmas Kaleidoscope of Homes" in Ocean Springs Sunday, Dec. 7, 2-5 p.m.

Four homes will be open. Cost of tickets is \$10 for adults, and \$5 for children. Ticket information is available by calling 875-2310.

All proceeds will benefit the Gulf Coast Symphony

Orchestra.

In addition to touring the homes, the ticket holders will have an opportunity to view "Designer Tables" set for the holidays and created by local designers. Refreshments will also be served during the afternoon.

Chairing the Christmas extravaganza is Arlene Delaney of Ocean Springs. Assisting her is Marjorie Shaughnessey of Biloxi.

Orchestra presents youth concerts

The Gulf Coast Symphony Orchestra will present four concerts for the youth of the Gulf Coast area Thursday, Jan. 29 and Friday, Jan. 30 at the Saenger Theatre for the Performing Arts in Biloxi at 9 and 10:30 a.m. each day. Each performance is approximately one hour.

This is a change from previous years and was made to accommodate as many students as possible and to make logistics easier. These performances are for students in grades one through eight in public, private and parochial schools in the Gulf Coast area.

Principals and music directors of Gulf Coast schools are encouraged to contact Thomas J. Rhodeman Sr., 392 Fayard Street, Biloxi 39520, phone (228) 374-3280, at the earliest possible date to make reservations for the approximate number of students and escorts who plan to attend. Because the concerts are right after the Christmas holidays, early reservations are recommended.

It is suggested that schools closer to the Saenger Theatre attend the 9 a.m. performances and those schools farther away attend the 10:30 a.m. performances. However, if this should present logistics problems, reserve the day and time which would accommodate the greater number of students.

The fee is \$1 per student, however, no student will be denied entrance due to lack of funds. Adult escorts, teachers and drivers will be admitted at no charge. Seating will be on a first come basis, except that there will be a reserved section for the handicapped.

In January, a program overview of each selection will be sent with a follow-up letter to those schools making reservations.

These concerts are funded in part by the Mississippi Arts Commission.

Ballet slated

Ballet Magnificat! will present their 12th annual "A Christmas Festival," along with national recording artists. "First Call," bringing back original member Mel Tunney on vocals for a special additional 10-song collaborative piece with Ballet Magnificat!

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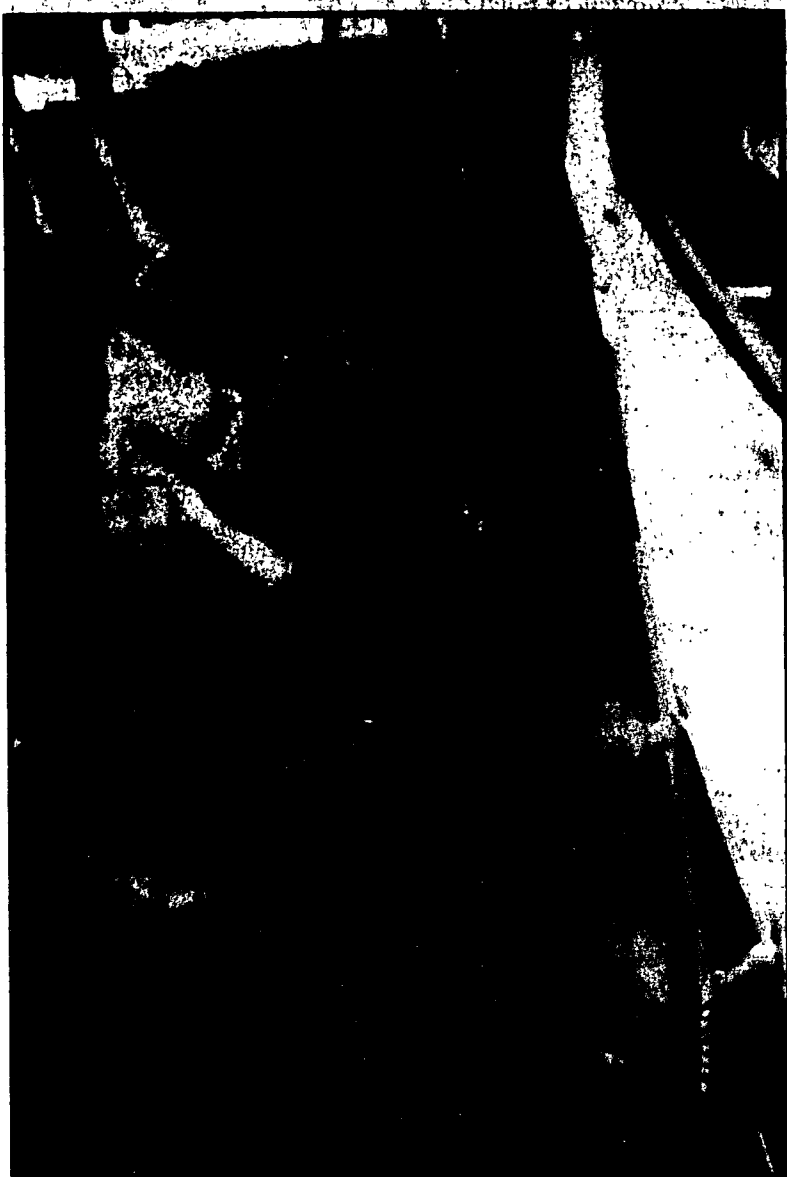
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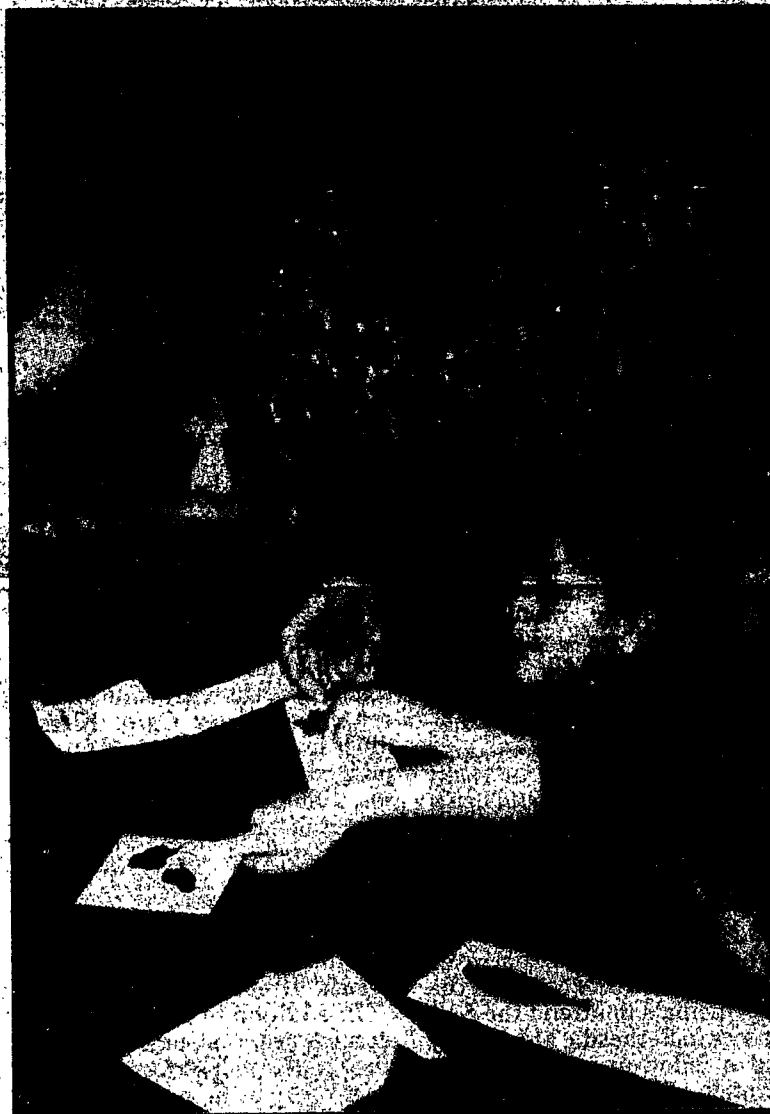
(Pictured right) Jennifer Odom from Bay Catholic pets a zebra during a field trip to the Global Wildlife Center near Hammond, Louisiana. The students learned about many rare and endangered animals from all over the world. The animals roam free and come up to the open covered wagons to feed from cups. The center covers 900 acres.



Several donkeys came up to the wagons to be fed by Bay Catholic students at the Global Wildlife Center on a recent field trip.



(Above) Rivers Fayard feeds a giraffe from the open covered wagons at the Global Wildlife Center on a recent field trip.



(Above right) Bay Catholic students also enjoyed Japanese Fish Painting at the J.L. Scott Marine Biology Center.

Students recently took a field trip to St. Stanislaus for a pep rally.

(Pictured right) Matthew Renz and Brennan Simolhe learn about crabs at the J.L. Scott Marine Resource Center.



Bay Catholic students feed treat by feeding animals at the Global Wildlife Center on a recent field trip.

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Upside-Down Cake, Hot Roll.
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LUNCH
Monday — BBQ Chicken or Na-
chos Grande or Fish Burger, Baked
Potato or Garden Salad with Dress-
ing, Applesauce or Fruit Juice,
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Tuesday — Pizza with Toppings or
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Crackers or Whole Wheat Roll.
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Principals' conference

1997 Principals' conference participants included, from left, Judi Koepnick, Grand Rapids, Mich.; Sister Carol Kleindinst, Charleston, S.C.; Myrna Jordan, Bay St. Louis; Sharen Houston, Shrewsbury, Mo.; and Michele Hittie, Fort Wayne, Ind.

Bay Catholic News

Bay Catholic Elementary Principal Myrna Jordan was selected to attend the 10th annual National Catholic Elementary and Middle School Principals Academy.

Jordan submitted an essay answering why she would benefit from attending the conference and recommendation letters from her pastor, fellow teachers and other principals.

A NCEA selection committee then chose Jordan from over 1,000 applicants to be one of the 50 principals to attend the conference in Bethesda, Md. in July and a follow-up conference in Orlando, Fla. in November.

Purpose of the Maryland conference was to share ideas and define the principal's role in strategic planning for American Catholic Schools for the 21st century.

Jordan shared Bay Catholic's Voices of Hope program with the other principals.

She said world peace affects all of us, and that BCE teaches children that even the youngest can learn that peace comes from within. She described the Voices of Hope Festival and other activities the children participated in, such as raising money for solar ovens for Uganda and praying for various

causes. Principal Mary Hipp from Houma, La., described how her school goes the extra mile for every child. Sister Carol Kleindinst from Charleston, S.C. explained that her teachers press the students to discover the imagination and then imagine the discoveries.

And William Marvin Jr. from Westchester, Ill. said his school stresses a mutual respect for the individuality, abilities and efforts of each person.

In addition to the principals' special program presentations the conference provided key speakers who helped the principals plan the preparation of their school for the 21st century.

Program meetings required the principals to take an honest look at the school and its curriculum now and what the students need for the year 200 and beyond. Financial planning, public policy, public relations and children with special needs were discussed.

Characteristics of leaders, team building and the principal's role were annotated with the conception that the principals would teach their students how to become master players even at the preschool age.

Although Jordan was exposed to many new programs at the conference, she was pleased that Bay Catholic had already established most, such as having parent involvement in the classroom, having a development director who markets the school, creating a parent resource center, offering computer classes at all levels, and providing a teacher for Project Read.

The follow-up conference in Orlando emphasized using technology to your advantage. It showcased software that is available for the school, detailed how best to use the Internet and stressed the importance of networking the school.

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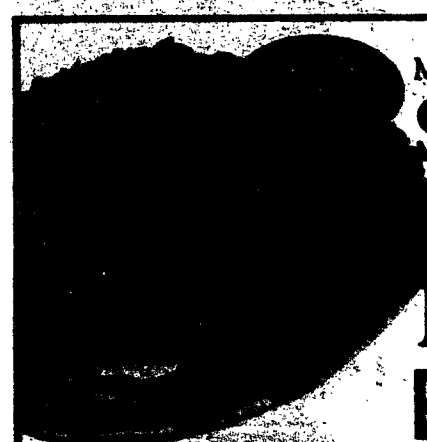
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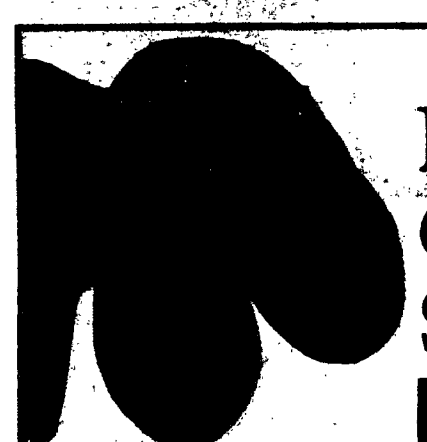
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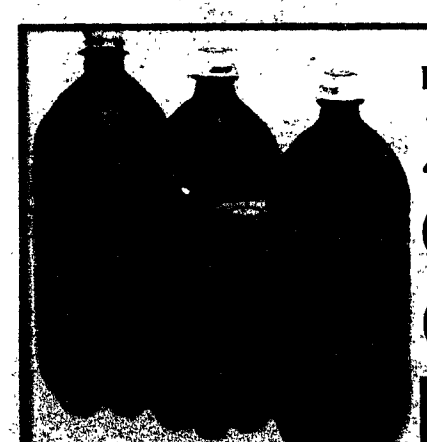
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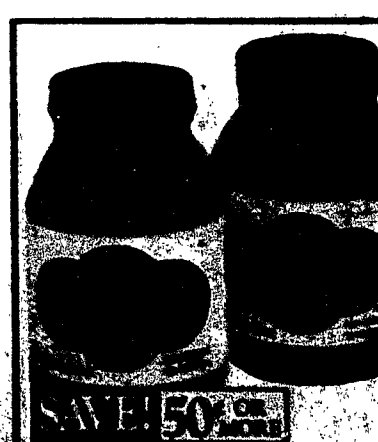
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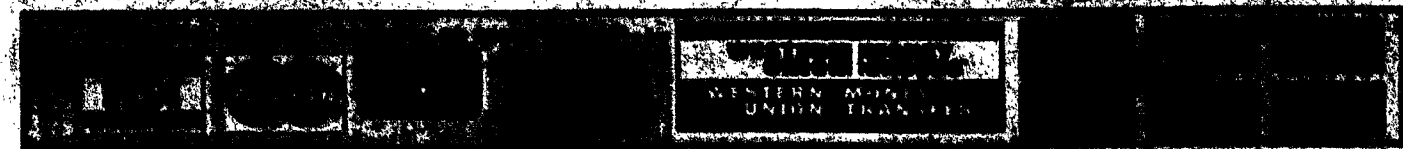
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93 Yard Sale

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